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PREFACE.

Every Historian has had occasion to regret that so much ill-requited labor, if not positive loss, both of time and money, should have been entailed upon him, through want of information as to the source whence, with the greatest ease and with the least liability to error, he could have drawn his facts and illustrations. Often has he found that his exertions merely served to open some outer galleries, indicating the existence of a hidden depository of treasure to which they led, but which to him was inaccessible ; and in doubt as to its extent and actual character, he has felt disposed to relinquish his undertaking in despair of giving to his work the completeness or the value he designed.

To relieve the inquirer into the history of New Jersey from much of this labor and attendant disappointment, is the object of this volume ; which, in its present form and dimensions, bears but a slight similitude to what was first projected : and its character and aims, as well as the difficulties which had to be surmounted in its preparation, may best be illustrated by a narrative of the events connected therewith, from its first inception to its publication.

In 1841 the State of New York, recognizing the duty of securing to its citizens the possession, if possible, of an unbroken record of incidents connected with the rise and progress of their great and prosperous Commonwealth, commissioned Mr. John Romeyn Brodhead to proceed to Europe for the purpose of procuring originals or copies of all papers

relating to its history, that might be found in the State Paper Offices of England, Holland and France ; and for three years that gentleman assiduously devoted himself to the task assigned him, enriching the archives of his native State with a large and valuable collection of public documents, without which, not only its own history, but also that of several other States of the Union, would have remained very imperfectly understood.

A correspondence with Mr. Brodhead while in Europe having made it evident that no better opportunity would probably ever be afforded, to obtain information which had long been desired relative to the official documents existing in the public depositories in England, referring to New Jersey, it was thought that, could their attention be properly directed to the importance of the measure, the Legislators of the State might be induced to emulate, to some extent, the patriotic and liberal course of their New York contemporaries, by engaging Mr. Brodhead to make the necessary researches in their behalf.

The co-operation of Mr. William Paterson, Member of the Assembly from Middlesex County, having been enlisted, the following Resolution was offered for the consideration of that Body on 31st January, 1843 :—

"*Resolved*, That a select committee of three be appointed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the Governor to ascertain through the Agent of the State of New York, at present in England, procuring copies of documents referring to the early history of that State, what is the character and extent, and what would be the probable cost of obtaining copies of similar documents in the English Archives referring to New Jersey."

This resolution on the 8th February was referred to a Special Committee, but it was so near the close of the session that no report was made.

The ensuing autumn Governor Haines, in his Annual Message to the Legislature, alluded to the subject in appropriate terms, and urged the adoption of such measures as were contemplated by the resolution offered at the previous

session. This portion of the Message having been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary in the House of Assembly, a report was received from them on the 16th January, 1844, as follows :—

" *Report of the Judiciary Committee on the subject of the Colonial Records of New Jersey. January* 16, 1844.

" The Committee to which was referred the resolution instructing an inquiry to be made 'into the expediency of authorizing the Governor to ascertain, through the agent of the State of New York, at present in England, procuring documents referring to the early history of New York, what is the character and extent, and what would be the probable cost of obtaining copies of similar documents in the English archives, relative to New Jersey,' and also that portion of the Governor's message referring to the colonial records of New Jersey, would report the following, as the result of their investigations :—

" The committee are persuaded that the nature of the inquiry, as contained in the resolution under which they act, and the importance of the subject which they have had under consideration, will commend themselves not only to the favorable notice of both branches of the Legislature, but will also be a matter of general interest to the people of the State. There are many transactions connected with the early settlement and history of New Jersey, which, from inadequacy of authentic information, or from a want of means wherewith to obtain the necessary documents and papers, the historian has been unable to record. Those events occurred during the period in which New Jersey was a colony of Great Britain, and the memorials of them, or so much as may be necessary to complete the chain of our imperfect history, are to be found on file in the different departments of the British Government. It is but natural and reasonable to suppose, from the connection which so long subsisted between the colonies and the mother country, that many records, perhaps in a great measure useless to those in whose possession they are kept only to moulder and decay, are lodged in those depositories, that could throw much light around the dimness of our early political existence; and every effort to procure correct and accurate information respecting those papers, cannot but be regarded with general approbation. Other States have paved the way in this enterprise and those exertions, and surely it is not only proper, but it should also be the pride of New Jersey, to emulate the examples of her sister States. It is, perhaps, a matter of regret that an association, similar to the Historical Society of New York, has not been formed in New Jersey, to collect materials and obtain information on this subject; but even if there had been such an institution, its efforts would have been useless and unavailing without the aid and

assistance of the State. Nevertheless, through its agency, the attention of the Legislature might have been directed to this object at an earlier period, and that body been induced to have taken at least some preliminary steps in the investigation. The facilities which might have been derived from such a source, and which would have been of material importance in enabling the committee to make a full and satisfactory inquiry, have been kindly furnished by a citizen of this State, who has devoted much time and industry to the examination of the history of New Jersey, and to whose researches the committee are indebted for whatever of interest or value is embodied in this report.

"Until within a few years, the English offices, wherein these records have long been slumbering unnoticed, and almost unknown, have been closed to the American historian. But they are now no longer sealed depositories: their doors have been opened, and they are the source from whence the circumstances connected with the settlement and early history of our country can be more perfectly understood and better known. A vast collection of documents, forming an almost unbroken series of historical papers, from the earliest period of English discovery and settlement in America to the close of the war of the Revolution, are there preserved.

"In the 'State Paper Office' is found the correspondence between the Ministry and the Governors of the several Colonies, while yet they were integral parts of the British Empire, and also communications, to and from other officers, upon civil and military affairs. To this office have recently been transferred, also, the papers of the 'Board of Trade,' which succeeded the old office of 'Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations,' comprising the copies of the Colonial laws, journals of the several Legislatures, and all such documents as relate to legislation, courts, Indian affairs, commerce, manufactures, and many other details of government, as were transmitted to England. The 'Privy Council Office' contains the instructions and commissions of the Governors, the decisions of the Council on the Colonial laws in cases of appeal, &c. All these papers are well preserved, are pronounced very complete by those who have examined them, and constitute an invaluable mine of materials for the elucidation of American history.

"It may very properly be asked, is it not the duty of the General Government to procure copies of all these documents for the use of the people of the United States? for every individual has some interest in their contents. Not trusting, however, to the action of Congress, several of the States, as has been previously observed, have themselves entered upon the work of collecting, for their citizens, the memorials of their origin. North Carolina has taken the preparatory steps of obtaining lists of the papers referring to her history. Georgia and South Carolina, and individuals in behalf of other States, it is believed, have completed their researches, and

procured copies. New York, as is befitting her extent, her resources, and the elevated rank she has ever held, has pursued, and is still pursuing, her examinations in a thorough and systematic manner, which will place the State in possession of almost every document of value connected with its provincial history; and the Legislature of that State has a standing committee on Colonial Records, whose business it is to recommend to that body such measures and appropriations as may be necessary to facilitate the accomplishment of the object. The attention of her agent, J. R. Brodhead, Esq., has been directed to searches in France and Holland, as well as in Great Britain, and it is a matter of congratulation that, from the union which existed between New York and New Jersey, as component parts of the Province of New Netherlands, and the subsequent close connection of interests, the labors of our sister State necessarily enlighten our early history as well as her own.

"While these States and others have, through their historical societies or the enterprise of their Legislative bodies, thus greatly lessened the labors of the general historian, New Jersey has done comparatively nothing, although her history is as rich in incidents as almost any other State in the Union. It is true her Legislature have shown a commendable and praiseworthy spirit in reprinting the minutes and proceedings of the Provincial Congress that framed the Constitution, and this, and the recent geological survey, which she caused to be made, cannot but be regarded as testimonials of her desire as well to develope the natural resources of the State, as to rescue its early history from oblivion. But there is still a wide field open. There are dark pages in that history, and mysterious clouds which cover the origin and growth of many political measures and opinions, the influence of which was not confined exclusively to the past; and the records which may enlighten the former and dispel the latter, in all probability exist in these depositories; for, so far as they refer to the history of New Jersey, these papers are an unbroken field of research. No historian has ever illustrated it by reference to them, except Chalmers, and he only to a very limited extent and in a very imperfect manner. The historian Grahame, writing to a gentleman in this country in 1840, lamented the 'woful voids in the early histories of Rhode Island, Maryland, and New Jersey;' and so far as New Jersey is concerned, those voids will remain, unless the documentary evidence existing in England be secured.

"The Provincial history of New Jersey is divided into two periods: the first comprising the Proprietary Government, and extending to the year 1702; the second from 1702 to the Revolutionary war, during which the Royal Provincial Government existed. Referring to the first period, there is a most valuable collection of documents in 'The Grants, Concessions, and Original Constitutions of the Province of New Jersey,' compiled principally from the Pro-

prietary Records, under the authority of the Assembly, and published in 1758, by virtue of an Act of the Legislature. And the proprietary offices of East and West Jersey contain, in addition, much valuable information; but there are numerous chasms, for the filling up of which they afford few, if any, materials. It is possible that the papers transferred to the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, on the surrender of the Government to the Crown, in 1702, will furnish these. The despatches of the Governors are, alone, of great value, for only five or six have ever been rendered available in illustrating the events of that period. It may well be supposed that, under such circumstances, there is yet much to be learned relative to the progress of the Province from year to year; and however local the tendency of such researches may be, they cannot be otherwise than serviceable generally, for the most trivial circumstance frequently constitutes the all-important link in a chain of events leading to results most extensively felt.

"Of the second period, (eighty years in duration,) there are comparatively few official documents, other than the minutes of the Legislature and the records of the Courts. Very little is known of the character and extent of the correspondence between the Governors and the Ministry, and, without some more definite knowledge respecting it, the true relations existing between New Jersey and the mother country, during the whole of that period, must, of necessity, be imperfectly understood.

"In the preface to his impartial and eloquent history of the United States, the late Mr. Grahame thus alludes to the annals of the country in whose elevation among the nations of the earth he took so great an interest: 'There never has been a people on whose character their own historical recollections were calculated to exercise a more animating or salutary influence * * * *. The origin of the nation, and the rise and progress of its institutions, may be distinctly ascertained; and the people enabled to acquire a complete and accurate conception of the character of their earliest national ancestors, as well as of every succeeding generation through which the inheritance of the national name and fortunes has devolved upon themselves * * * * *. A more elevated model of human character could hardly be proposed to the imitation of the inhabitants of New England, Pennsylvania, and some others of the North American States, than that which their own early history bequeaths to them. They will cherish a generous and profitable self-respect, while they comply with the canon of Divine wisdom, 'to remember the days of old, and consider the years of many generations.' If *we* thus estimate the advantages of a recorded lineage, thus revere the founders of the commonwealth, and would thus profit by the consideration of their history, it behooves us to seek the preservation of every memorial of 'the days of old' that may present to this and future generations, in their true colors, every fact, every motive, and

every action, bearing upon the establishment, in this Western Hemisphere, of those principles of civil and religious liberty upon which are based the Government and institutions under whose protection we now exist.

"In the foregoing remarks, the committee trust it has been made sufficiently apparent, that the due illustration of the early history of the State calls for some measures whereby the documents adverted to may be secured; and the propriety of some action at the present time will now be noticed.

"The agent of New York, now being engaged in the selection and transcription of papers for that State, the appointment of a special agent to carry out the views of the Legislature, and the consequent increased expense, may be avoided by securing his services; as it is presumed, from the close connection which once existed between the two Provinces, already alluded to, he has in some measure become aware of the number and character of the documents referring to New Jersey.

"It must also be borne in mind, that from the repeated applications made for access to the English archives, or from some other cause, the request of the State of New York was not acceded to in a way to offer any hope of a satisfactory examination of the papers, and considerable delay was experienced before the objections were removed. It is therefore wise to avail ourselves of the opportunity now offered, lest at some future period less courtesy may be extended, and obstacles be presented that may not be so readily removed.

"While the committee are satisfied of the value of these historical documents, they do not feel authorized to exceed the bounds of the inquiry with which they are charged. The information in their possession does not enable them to form any conception of the extent of the papers, and consequently of the expense that would be incurred in procuring copies. But they would recommend that preparatory steps be taken to obtain lists, or indexes, having reference to the character and length of each paper, and where deposited; a measure complete in itself, inasmuch as the transcription of selected papers is only permitted by authorized clerks in the several offices, and attended with beneficial effects even should nothing else be done.

"With such indexes, greater discrimination may be exercised in the selection hereafter, of such documents of which copies may be desired; or should the intervention of the Legislature stop here, which the committee hardly consider probable, they will give to every citizen requisite information of any documentary evidence there existing, referring to any fact in our history. This course has been pursued by the State of North Carolina, the Legislature of which, during the last year, caused their indexes to be printed for the use of the people, in itself a valuable aid to the historian, in matters relating to that Province.

"The committee are aware that, in this investigation, they have exceeded the usual limits of a Legislative report, and it may, perhaps, be thought that they have been unnecessarily long and minute, but they could not go into a satisfactory examination of the subject of inquiry without entering somewhat in detail into a statement of the points and facts necessary to a full understanding and illustration of its importance. This is the first time that any definite action or recommendation has been had with regard to this matter; and if the Legislature deem it inexpedient to carry out the views of the committee at this time, which it is hoped will not be the case, some future Legislature, if disposed to act, may have the benefit of the light and evidence with which this committee have been furnished to prepare this report.

"With these views, the committee would recommend the subjoined resolutions for adoption.

"*Resolved*, (*Council concurring*,) That the Governor be authorized to obtain, through J. R. Brodhead, Historical Agent of the State of New York, at present in England, engaged in procuring copies of papers referring to the history of that State, or through the agency of some other qualified person resident of London—

"A list of all documents and papers in the English offices referring to the history of the Provinces of East and West Jersey, of dates between 1664 and 1702; indicating the purport, length, and place of deposit of each paper.

"A similar list of such documents and papers referring to the Province of New Jersey from the year 1702 to the Revolutionary war, and

"An estimate of the probable cost of transcribing said documents for the use of the State.

"*Resolved*, That one thousand dollars be appropriated to carry out the foregoing resolutions."

As the proposed measure had been received with general favor by the Press throughout the State, and been approved of by the most intelligent and eminent citizens, it caused much surprise, when, on the 10th February, the resolutions reported by the Committee failed to secure the approbation of the Assembly.*

In January, 1845, Governor Haines again solicited the attention of the legislature to the subject, and it was referred in the Council to a Special Committee, which, on the 25th March ensuing, submitted a report adopting the views and recommendations of the Assembly's Committee of the pre-

* They were lost—ayes 23, nays 31.

ceding legislature, with the additional suggestion, that the inquiries relative to the historical memorials of the State should not be confined to the archives of England alone, but be extended to the public depositories of the other States of the Union ; but no better result attended this movement than the other, although throughout the State there was a growing sense of the need of fuller and more accurate information respecting its early history.

It was on the 27th February of this year, 1845, that a few gentlemen assembled at Trenton and framed a Constitution for a Historical Society, an association which has rendered essential service in rescuing from oblivion the fleeting memorials of the past, and in fostering among the prominent citizens of different parts of the State that community of feeling which is the best promotive of a common patriotism. The attention of the members of the Society was naturally directed to the measure before the Legislature, and as especial preservators of our history, they presented a memorial referring to it at the session of 1846 ; for which some remarks of Governor STRATTON, in his inaugural address, seemed to promise a favorable reception.

Being referred to a Special Committee in the Assembly on the 19th February, the following Report was made to that Body through Mr. CANNON, the Chairman :

" *Report of the Special Committee of Assembly on the subject of our Colonial Documents in England : February* 19, 1846.

" The committee to whom were referred the memorials from the New Jersey Historical Society and numerous citizens, respecting the documents connected with the history of the State, at present in the archives of England, or of the other States of the Union, would respectfully state :—

" That after such investigation as they have been enabled to make, they have become satisfied of the propriety and practicability of the measures asked for by the petitioners.

" The aim of the memorialists is to secure such action on the part of the legislature as will insure the possession of copies of all papers of importance, necessary for the full illustration of our history, which may be at present in the archives of the several States, and the ob-

tainment of accurate information respecting the character, extent and place of deposit of similar historic materials in England.

"At different sessions since that of eighteen hundred and forty-two and forty-three, the last-named measure has been presented for the consideration of the legislature, having been twice recommended to its favorable notice by Governor Haines, and by the present Executive, in his inaugural address; and two reports thereon have been made, both projects having been referred to in that which was presented to the Senate at its last session. A reference to these reports will render unnecessary as particular a detail of the circumstances under which the application is made as would otherwise be required, and your committee will, therefore, as briefly as possible, present the grounds on which they would ask for the favorable consideration of the prayer of the memorialists.

"Throughout the country, for some years past, a most commendable desire has been manifested to preserve such of its early annals as have escaped the destroying influences of time and accident, from further detriment, and a number of the States, through their historical societies, special agencies, or individual exertion of their citizens, have been actively engaged in securing, in every quarter, the materials essential to a complete development of every portion of their past history.

"To the English archives special attention has been directed; for from the relations existing between Great Britain and America, before the Revolution, the various offices of that country became necessarily the depositories of all the most important legislative, judicial, commercial and statistical documents referring to the several provinces. Georgia and South Carolina have secured their share of these papers; North Carolina has obtained a full index to hers; Virginia and Massachusetts (perhaps others) are understood to be preparing for similar examinations, and New York has recently obtained a mass of documents, not only from England, but also from France and Holland, almost an unbroken series, illustrating her history from the settlement of the country to the war of independence. Why should not the example set by these enlightened States, be imitated by New Jersey?

"Much of the whole period of the provincial existence of New Jersey is an unexplored field of historical inquiry, and it has remained so far too long. We are too apt to consider the history of the State as dating from the time when, in common with the other colonies, she threw off her allegiance to Great Britain; but the war which effected the independence of the country was the termination of a chain of events, the links of which bind together every portion of our early history; and the 'why and wherefore' of the Revolution can best be discovered by an attentive examination into the matters connected with the progress of the settlement throughout the continent. We may erect monuments to perpetuate the memory of bat-

tle-fields, but we should also observe proper precaution to preserve the memory of those who first promulgated and upheld those views of public liberty and inherent rights, for which those battle-fields were discolored by the blood of patriots.

"It seems particularly appropriate for New Jersey, at the present time, to adopt some measures for the preservation of her past history, commencing, as she is, a new era in her political existence.

"Every individual who feels an honest pride in tracing his descent from an enterprising and virtuous ancestry, through whom a valued estate has been secured, feels also an interest in the events that marked their course to prosperity and honor, and gathers from their history the lessons of wisdom and experience: and so should it be with a citizen of the State. He has inherited a patrimony his own arm procured not for him; it was not by the sweat of *his brow* that the wilderness was turned into the fruitful field; it was not by *his enterprise* that the broad land has been filled with thriving villages and populous cities; nor was it by *his* foresight that his civil and religious liberties were secured to him. He has taken possession of his inheritance, and finds himself surrounded by blessings which render the responsibilities of occupancy and improvement far more weighty; and to fit himself for his duties and to enable him to discharge the debt of gratitude he owes to the fathers of the State, a recurrence certainly should be had to the sentiments and measures of the men, their characters, and the emergencies they triumphed over in creating, under God, for *him*, the privileges and advantages he enjoys.

"A due degree of watchfulness over the safety of all memorials of the past should undoubtedly be exercised by the legislature, and the documents which have been referred to are deserving of special notice, containing as they do by far the most important (in some cases the only) records of our history during the periods to which they relate. In them *may be* the correspondence of the Proprietary Governors, and other papers of which nothing is known at present, referring to that interesting portion of our history which preceded the erection of New Jersey into a regal government; but they certainly comprise all the official documents (excepting the minutes of the legislature, the records of the courts, and a few others of an important character, which the State may possess) connected with the administration of the public affairs of New Jersey from seventeen hundred and two to seventeen hundred and seventy-six. It was justly remarked in the report of the judiciary committee in eighteen hundred and forty-four, that 'very little is known of the character and extent of the correspondence between the governors and the ministry, and without some more definite knowledge respecting it, the true relations existing between New Jersey and the mother country during the whole of that period, must, of necessity, be imperfectly understood.'

"If these views of your committee as to the value of these papers

are correct, the question arises how can the information they contain be made available to the New Jersey statesman or historian? Some of the difficulties attendant upon the decision of this question, are stated by the late Executive of the State. 'One plan is,' said Governor Haines, in his message of January, eighteen hundred and forty-five, 'to employ an agent there, to procure copies of such documents as may interest us. But great difficulty will be found in communicating to him what we need. To send an agent expressly, according to another plan proposed, must be attended with very considerable expense.'

"The committee do not consider the prayer of the memorials referred to them, to extend to the obtainment of these papers or of copies, but of definite information respecting them; and this they conceive can be procured without the expense of a special agent, as is proved by the success of North Carolina; a list of her papers having been obtained through the intervention of the Minister of the United States to that country. The course they would recommend is plainly set forth in the report made to the Senate at the last session, as follows:—

"'The committee are informed that no one is permitted to perform any clerical duty in connection with the State paper offices, excepting the persons attached thereto, and therefore, as any list or memorandum respecting the New Jersey papers would have to be obtained from the regular officers, subject to the payment of the usual fees, it would only be requisite for the executive to designate the form in which that list or memorandum should be made out, to have an analysis of each enumerated document. The specific character of the lists would necessarily enhance the value of the services rendered; but possession of them would enable the authorities of the State to determine which papers were of importance, which of them obtainable on this side of the Atlantic, and otherwise discriminate judiciously how far the process of transcribing at any future period should be carried, and thereby save to the State, in all probability, an expenditure of large sums for copies of papers obtainable elsewhere at a cheaper rate.'

"Your committee believe that such a course would supersede all necessity for employing a special agent to procure copies of these papers at any future period, should that measure be eventually adopted. It is desirable that the legislature should avail itself of the opportunity now afforded to obtain access to these papers; for independent of the danger which must ever attend the existence of such perishable memorials, they are held at the will of a foreign government, which at any time may close them to us effectually and forever.

"In relation to the historic memorials in possession of the other States, referring to New Jersey, your committee would remark that in the archives of New York in particular, there are many of special

interest. From the discovery of the country until sixteen hundred and sixty-four, and subsequently in sixteen hundred and seventy-four, New Jersey was under the domination of the Dutch, and the records of those periods, or as many as have been preserved, can only be found at Albany. From seventeen hundred and two until seventeen hundred and thirty-eight, New York and New Jersey were associated under the same governor, and their close relation created a community of interest in various documents, the originals or copies of which are now in the office of the Secretary of the former State, as well as others relating to matters which gave occasion to correspondence between the two governments at other periods. Papers of similar import may exist in the archives of other States, and as your committee believe that copies of them might be obtained at little expense, it seems to them desirable that the legislature should adopt measures to secure them.

With these views the subjoined resolutions are submitted and their adoption recommended:

Resolved by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, That the Governor be authorized to obtain, through the intervention of the Minister of the United States in London, and such other persons as may be necessary, from the proper officers of the State Paper Department of England, a list or lists of all documents and papers in the English archives, referring to the history of the provinces of East and West Jersey; of dates between sixteen hundred and sixty-four and seventeen hundred and two, indicating the purport, length and place of deposit of each paper, and a similar list of such documents and papers referring to the province of New Jersey, from seventeen hundred and two to seventeen hundred and eighty-three, with an estimate of the probable cost of transcribing such documents for the use of the State.

Resolved, That the sum of —— dollars be appropriated to carry out the foregoing resolution.

Resolved, That the Governor be authorized to apply to the proper authorities of the State of New York, and of such other States as may possess such historic materials, for permission to have copies made, by proper persons by him appointed, of such documents or papers, existing in their archives, as refer to the history of New Jersey; and that a sum, not exceeding —— dollars, is hereby appropriated towards defraying the expense that may be thereby incurred; the said transcripts or copies to be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State.

Again were the friends of the project disappointed. Requiring a majority of two-thirds, the resolutions failed,* and no better success attended their efforts the ensuing year. The

* The vote was—29 ayes, 17 nays.

Historical Society, in consequence, determined to cease their importunities, and endeavor to effect their object through private enterprise. A committee was therefore raised on 29th May, 1847, "to obtain subscription from members and others interested in the History of the State, towards a fund to be expended in obtaining an Analytical List of the Colonial Documents to be deposited in the Library of the Society;" but at the request of some of the members, another application to the Legislature was authorized on the 16th September; and a Committee, of which General WALL was made Chairman, was charged with that duty.*

This Committee's efforts proving unavailing up to the 18th January, 1849, the Society, on that day, at a meeting held in Trenton during the session of the legislature, after some discussion in the presence of many of the members, appointed another committee, consisting of Messrs. R. S. Field and W. A. Whitehead, and Rev. Dr. Murray, authorized to urge upon the representatives of the people the adoption of the wished-for measures without delay, as the presence in London of Mr. Brodhead, the former Agent of New York, as Secretary of Legation from the United States, and of Mr. Henry Stevens, who possessed peculiar facilities for obtaining access to the State Paper offices—both of them honorary members of the Society, and interested in its success,—promised results that might not be secured at another time.

The gentlemen of the Committee were so favored as to be allowed an opportunity of addressing the members of both Houses, and others, in the Assembly Chamber on the evening of 13th February, and earnestly advocated the proposed measures as called for; not only for the purposes of the historian, but for those of the Statesman and Jurist as well; the records of the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Department of the State all being incomplete, and requiring eluci-

* To facilitate the action of the Committee, the Corresponding Secretary of the Society addressed a communication to the Governor on 14th December, presenting the subject anew for his consideration, and again on the 25th January, 1848. See Proceedings of Society, Vol. III. p. 65.

dation from the English archives ;—but no action was taken upon the subject ;—the Committees to whom it was referred making no reports. One further attempt was made during the session of 1850, to induce the Legislature to procure copies of their missing minutes, which were known to be in England, but the House of Assembly gave no attention to the subject, and in the Senate only *two* votes were recorded in its favor.

It was evident that private enterprise and patriotism must be resorted to if success were desired ; and the late Hon. James Gore King, then a most efficient member of the Society, generously leading the way by a proffer of one-fifth of the entire expense, a sufficient sum was soon secured, and the services of Mr. Henry Stevens engaged. His letter of instructions was as follows :—

TO HENRY STEVENS, ESQ., LONDON.

New Jersey Historical Society,
Newark, *May* 10*th*, 1849.

Dear Sir,

As you have entered upon the task of procuring an Analytical Index to the documents and other historical materials relating to New Jersey, which exist in the State Paper Office and Public Libraries in England, it may facilitate your operations to state, briefly, what information we already have respecting our papers in the former depository, and what portions of our history more particularly require elucidation.

Although you may be acquainted with their extent, it may prove useful for me to say, here, that by a letter from Mr. Brodhead, addressed to Mr. King, in September 1847, we learn there are in the "State Paper Office" series of papers, seventeen volumes entitled "New Jersey," containing documents from 1728 to 1782—a hiatus occurring between 1752 and 1762. Other sets of volumes consequently have to be examined, such as the series entitled "Plantation General" containing documents from 1760 to 1784 :—another similarly entitled, containing documents from 1766 to 1781 : one entitled "Governors in America," covering the years 1743 to 1763, and another entitled "America," containing documents from 1620 to 1762. Each of these sets consist of several volumes, and it is quite probable something will be found in all of them relating to New Jersey.

We learn also, that in the "Board of Trade" there are thirty-eight volumes containing "New Jersey" papers—*eleven* of them containing the original documents received from the Provincial Authori-

ties and others, from 1702 to 1775—*six* containing the despatches from the Board to those Officers—and the remaining *twenty-one* consisting of the Minutes of the Council and Assembly from 1703 to 1774, and of the Laws, Acts, and Votes of the Province, during that period. And besides these there are ninety-nine volumes containing papers of dates from 1638 to 1782, under the titles "Plantations General" and "Proprieties," which should be examined for any references to New Jersey they may contain. Regarding the procurement of the Minutes of the Council and Assembly (for it may not be known to you that the State has no records of the Proceedings of the Council, and that the Minutes of the Assembly are imperfect) as a work which the State Legislature should, and probably will, undertake, it is not expected that any of the Funds raised by the Society will be devoted to the examination of the volumes containing these minutes more than may be sufficient to ascertain their completeness. The same remark will apply to the copies of the laws, of which an abstract must eventually be obtained by the State to supply the deficiencies in the Archives, particularly in reference to the private acts, of the effect of which, we have, in most instances, no knowledge other than may be derived from their titles.

The History of New Jersey while under English rule is very clearly divided into two eras—one, extending from the grant of the country to the Duke of York, in 1664, to the surrender of the government to Queen Anne, 1701, or the *Proprietary Era:* and the other, extending from 1701 to the Revolution, or the *Provincial Era.*

Of the first, or Proprietary Era, we have some papers among the New York Documents procured by Mr. Brodhead, and as it is presumed that such as he copied can readily be identified in the State Paper Office, the time and expenditure required to note them may be saved. All others referring to that period are of great importance from the paucity of such historic memorials on this side of the Atlantic.

With the exception of one or two letters by Philip Carteret, those of Lawrie in "Scot's Model," and one of Governor Hamilton's in my possession, I am not aware that any despatches from the Proprietary Governors to their Constituents in Great Britain are known to us; and very few either of the letters or orders sent to the Governors have been preserved or are now to be found.

It is not probable that these much coveted documents exist in the State Paper Office, as we have no warrant for believing that on the transfer of the government to the Crown any papers were surrendered by the proprietaries; but it is hoped that many interesting documents of a more general character may be met with, in the shape of reports relating to the soil and waters, and in the correspondence which must have preceded and been connected with the negotiations for the surrender.

Although the Board of Proprietors of East Jersey endeavored to recover some of their missing papers, yet, from want of promptness, their exertions were not attended with success. The following item may, however, even at this late period, lead to some discoveries. A Mrs. Margaret Bowles, under date of Feb. 1st, 1738–9, informed the Board that she had "in her custody the Register Book and Book of Orders for the Governors and Proprietors, but thinks it not advisable to part with them—being other People's concerns." But no attention seems to have been paid to the subject until 1767, when a committee was appointed to apply, through the Agent of the Province, to Mr. Humphrey Bowles, or any other person, for the books; but they were never obtained.

How the books got into the possession of the Bowles Family is not stated; but they may have been connected with Wm. Dockwra, the Proprietaries Register. Some of his or their descendants might yet be found possessing documents of interest to the State. All, no matter of what character, connected. with this period, will, it is hoped, be diligently sought and receive your particular attention.

Of the second, or Provincial Era, we have some items of intelligence among the New York papers, but they are comparatively of minor import.

With the exception of two or three intercepted despatches of Governor Franklin, and a portion of the correspondence of Governor Morris (the dates of which are specified in the accompanying sheet in order to save you the trouble of noting the despatches themselves when met with,) we have no knowledge of the extent or character of the communications which passed between the Governors of the Province and the Departments in England, so that there is scarcely a paper of any consequence (with the exceptions stated) connected with this period that we should not like to know the contents of.

So far as I can learn, we are almost entirely barren of statistical information respecting the commerce, population, and productions of the Province; so that documents throwing any light upon these topics will deserve your particular attention. And many of the messages of the Governors, communicated by them to the Ministry, not having been entered upon the minutes of the Council and Assembly, it is desirable that they should be noted with some particularity as but few of them were ever published. There must have been, at different times, in the possession of the descendants of those who acted as agents for the Province or the Board of Proprietors, a large quantity of valuable papers. Ferdinand John Paris, particularly, who was a very active and efficient agent of the Proprietors for many years, prior to and during Governor Belcher's administration, must have left papers of great interest. Richard Partridge, Joseph Sherwood, Henry Wilmot, and one or two others whose names I do not now recollect, acted as the agents of the Province at different pe-

riods, and could their descendants be reached, valuable discoveries might be made.

Whether this is practicable, you alone, on the spot, can determine. I merely draw your attention to the subject, confident that if any thing can be done in the premises, your exertions will not be wanting.

At the instance of the Society I wrote two or three letters to our Consul at Paris, about two years ago, requesting his co-operation in discovering the place of deposit of the papers of Governor Franklin, which are represented to have been taken by his son to Paris, and to have been there as late as 1818, in the possession of his widow. From some unexplained cause I have never received any answer, and if through any correspondent of yours in Paris, the inquiry could be made, an important service would be rendered the Society. From the Governor's long administration of the affairs of New Jersey, it is thought many papers of importance would be found among those taken by him from the State, should they yet be in existence.

It has been a matter of deep regret that we have no portraits of the early Proprietors and Fathers of New Jersey, and it would be exceedingly gratifying if you in the progress of your researches could discover likenesses, engraved or otherwise, of Sir George Carteret, Sir John Berkley, or any other of the early Governors or settlers of the province.

I would respectfully ask you to communicate to us from time to time the progress making in the work intrusted to you, and any farther information you may desire will be furnished with pleasure by

Dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

W. A. WHITEHEAD,

Corresponding Secretary.

HENRY STEVENS, ESQ., &c., &c., LONDON.

P. S. I would add that the information the Society wishes the List or Index to embody, will consist of the Place of Deposit—Date—Character—Summary of Contents, and Estimated length, in folios, of each Document examined.

Mr. Stevens having industriously prosecuted his researches, the Committee charged with the administration of the Fund provided for the procurement of the Index, had the pleasure, on the 11th Sept., 1851, of exhibiting to the Society nine quarto cases, covered with blue morocco, and having locks and keys, containing over eighteen hundred separate cards, each containing an abstract of some paper relating to New Jersey, beautifully engrossed, the cards being arranged chronologically, and each case having the first and last date let-

tered on the back, the whole forming a manuscript work of great value and unique appearance.

It was, therefore, with great cordiality and unanimity that the following resolution was passed by the Society :

"*Resolved*, That the thanks of the New Jersey Historical Society be presented to Henry Stevens, Esq., now in London, for his discrimination, good judgment and fidelity in the selection and arrangement of his Index of the Colonial Documents of New Jersey, and that a copy of this resolution, duly authenticated, be transmitted to him by the Secretary."

Further additions, subsequently received, brought the work to a satisfactory completion, and the claims of the Society upon the favorable consideration of the Legislature, were at last acknowledged at the session of 1852, so far as to lead to an authorized subscription for copies of the Index, when printed, to the amount of five hundred dollars ; but it was not until the 19th January, 1854, that the publication of the volume as the Fifth of the "Collections" of the Society was duly authorized : and at the ensuing session, in May, the Committee on Publications reported that they "had taken incipient steps towards the publication of the Analytical Index to the New Jersey Colonial Documents, and had intrusted the publication of the volume to Mr. W. A. Whitehead, the Corresponding Secretary. The Committee coincided in opinion with Mr. Stevens, through whose agency the Index in its form was secured, that the value of the work will be much enhanced by making it refer as well to documents in America, as to those in the English State Paper Office ; and by introducing notes explanatory or illustrative that may be required to elucidate any of the papers. Some time and considerable labor, consequently, would have to be expended in the preparation of the volume. It would relieve the Editor from considerable trouble, and facilitate the publication, were members of the Society, and all others, having documents or rare pamphlets in their possession relating to the Colonial history of New Jersey, to furnish him with lists embodying

the dates of the documents, and a succinct analysis of the contents of each."

The general appeal for aid contained in this extract from the Committee's report not having secured the desired co-operation, the Editor prepared a Circular which was widely distributed through the State, copies being addressed to all Clerks of Counties and towns, as well as other officials, besides individuals who were known to have manuscripts in their possession, setting forth the views and wishes of the Society; but failing to elicit any information excepting from one or two sources, the following additional circular was sent out; and it is here inserted, in the hope that it may yet be of service, and that at some future time a supplemental volume may be published containing the wished-for information. :

New Jersey Historical Society.

NEWARK, *July 4th*, 1854.

SIR,—From information I have received in answer to my previous circular, I am led to believe that some of the gentlemen to whom it was addressed, have misunderstood its purport, and having in their possession papers, documents, or records, only of a local or restricted character, have presumed that such did not come within the scope of my inquiries, inasmuch as they did not refer to the general history or political organization of the State "as a whole."

The history of New Jersey in all its fulness is yet to be written, and no unimportant part of the materials for it, that yet exist, are those very local annals and records in which it is thought nothing can be found in any way illustrating our colonial era. A little reflection, I am certain, will bring the conviction that such a conclusion is erroneous. Take, for example, the records of a County. Slight peculiarities in the mode of administering the laws, in the appointment of officers, &c., that may be discovered as having prevailed in any section of the then colony, or any circumstance of note affecting individuals or parties (how much oftentimes, for example, does a single trial affect public opinion and laws for years thereafter ?) may have had an influence coextensive with the whole of New Jersey; so that, although at first a matter may have concerned only a single county or town, it became in time a matter of great public interest. The bearing of County Records, therefore, cannot be regarded by any means as confined to the district of country with which they are particularly connected, and it becomes in consequence important to know their character and extent.

The same remarks apply to Town Records, and to Parish or Church Registers, serving as they do to point out important changes in communities, their progress in civilization, education and morality, and the condition of the population at particular periods; information, which is absolutely essential to the historian, who would present a truthful picture of the past, or rightly derive from its teachings the instruction needed for the present and the future.

It is not to be expected, that each document, in a public depository, can be particularly specified, but a favor would be conferred upon the Society could you furnish me with a description, as particular as circumstances will permit, of the Records in your charge, of dates prior to the adoption of the Constitution of the United States; giving—

The number of volumes of each kind, and how designated, whether Court Records, (and if so, of what courts,) Wills, Deeds, Registers of Births, Deaths and Marriages, &c., with the dates covered by each volume.

The volumes or documents, which may refer to particular townships, churches, congregations or precincts; their character, dates, &c.

Any documents, such as assessments, valuations, and other statistics, serving to throw light upon the condition and progress of the County, or any portion of it, at any time or during any period.

To do this will doubtless require an expenditure of time and occasion you some trouble, but I can only urge you to undertake it by using with you the argument I used with myself, on concluding to perform the more laborious task assigned to me by the Society; which is, that the State demands of those who *love* it—who venerate its past spotless history, and estimate aright its present and future advantages of position and resources as in a great measure connected with that history,—that they do all in their power to rescue from oblivion every fact and circumstance illustrative of its progress, or calculated to present it in its true light to the other States and to the world. The work, in connection with which the foregoing inquiries are propounded, may be made, if my exertions are properly seconded, the foundation for researches which must redound to the public benefit in many ways.

It is with such sentiments and such aims that I venture to ask your co-operation.

Very respectfully, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. A. WHITEHEAD,
Corresponding Secretary New Jersey Hist. Soc.

This circular was responded to, in a way to advance the work, only by Mr. Samuel H. Congar of Newark—who voluntarily assumed the task of furnishing a summary of the

Records in the office of the Clerk of Essex County :—Mr. JONATHAH HAND, Clerk of Cape May County ;—and Rev. RICHARD WEBSTER of Mauch Chunk ; the Clerks of Camden and Monmouth County and of the Township of Woodbridge, and the Secretary of State ; politely expressing their willingness to submit the contents of their offices for the examination of the Editor.

Disappointed, but not discouraged, he essayed to secure some action by the Legislature which would secure to the State a uniform and proper system for the keeping and preservation of the records and documents in all the public offices, while at the same time the information sought to render this work complete would be obtained. That some more perfect system is called for, or rather, that system should be introduced where it is now almost entirely wanting, cannot be denied.* There are many important offices whose recorded minutes or proceedings are deficient, in consequence of incumbents frequently presuming the books used during their terms of service to be private property, which they had a right to retain on relinquishing their offices, or from their neglect in not keeping proper records. Even some of the important and most confidential records of the State under the old Constitution are understood to be thus deficient from one or both of these causes. It is a matter of great public concernment ; and the propriety of the proposed measure was so manifest to Governor PRICE, that, in his message of 1856, he commended it, in appropriate terms, to the consideration of the legislature. The public prints also advocated its adoption at different times, but nothing definite was done until the session of 1857, when WILLIAM K. MCDONALD, Esq., of Newark, brought the subject before the Assembly, of which he was a prominent member, in the following preamble and resolution :

Whereas the people of the State are deeply interested in the proper preservation and arrangement of the public records; and whereas

* See Appendix E, p. 501.

the manner of keeping and preserving said records is not now uniform or systematic in the different counties, leading to inconvenience and detriment to the public interests, therefore, Be it enacted :

That, in each of the Counties of the State, a Board of Commissioners be organized under the authority of the Governor, to consist of the Clerk of the County, the Prosecutor of the Pleas and two competent citizens to be selected by the Governor, for the purpose of inquiring into the extent and condition of the Records of each county, and of the measures taken for their preservation : and that each Board of Commissioners report to the Secretary of State on or before the first December next the result of their examinations, particularly as to the number of volumes of each kind of records or documents, whether wills, deeds, registers of marriages, proceedings of Courts, &c., with the dates covered by each : the number of volumes or documents referring to particular townships, churches, congregations or precincts, with their dates ; and what documents, such as assessments, valuations, maps and other statistics, throwing light upon the condition and progress of the county or any portion of it at any period, of which they may obtain information ; and that the Secretary of State, on the receipt of said reports from the different counties, cause a report to the Legislature to be prepared and printed, giving the result of said examinations, with such suggestions and recommendations as may lead most effectually to the introduction of a uniform system for the preservation of the public records of the State.

The measure having been appropriately presented by Mr. McDonald, this resolution passed the House of Assembly unanimously, but in the Senate, through some undefined apprehensions of the expense that might attend the inquiry, (which might have been guarded against by an express provision)—there were only three members willing to record their votes in the affirmative, and the resolution was consequently lost.

Such have been the difficulties attending the attempt to carry out the wishes of the Society, and the Editor consequently must ask for a lenient judgment upon his labors. If the intentions of the Society in committing the work to his editorial supervision have not been fully realized, he nevertheless trusts that he returns it to them not entirely without additional value. References to nearly eleven hundred different documents will be found inserted in their proper places, and at least five times that number has passed through

his hands while prosecuting his researches ; and as the Index proper is the portion of the volume for which the Society is indebted to Mr. STEVENS, the Editor's additions thereto are distinguished by being contained within brackets. Throughout, the arrangement is strictly chronological with reference to the date of the document, and not to the events with which they may sometimes be subsequently connected.

All the manuscripts belonging to the Society are not noticed. Many of them have been printed in their series of "Proceedings;" the papers of Governor Lewis Morris, with ew exceptions, have been published in their "Collections;" and as others, like the manuscript books of Samuel Smith, would naturally be examined, and are scarcely susceptible of being analyzed in the mode adopted in the Index, it was deemed unnecessary to increase the size of the present volume by particular references thereto. Most of the other manuscripts described, are either in the valuable collection of Miss Rutherfurd, of Eastridge, near Newark, or among those in the possession of the Editor. The "Belcher Papers," referred to, are in the Library of the Historical Society, being copies of such as related to New Jersey, among those belonging to the Historical Society of Massachusetts ; the selection having been made by the Editor in person, under the authority of the Society. The Catalogue of Printed Works will be found to contain a table of the contents of the Society's publications ; and, for the first time, the titles of the principal publications, exclusive of public documents, that may be consulted with advantage, have been brought together for the information of the student of our early history. Lists of the different Editions of the Laws, and of the Earlier Newspapers of the State, are also appended.

The established price of copying, in the State Paper Office of England, is four pence sterling for each folio of seventy-two words ; the cost of any document can therefore be readily ascertained by referring to the number of folios it contains, as stated in the Index. It was not thought neces-

sary to give the length of the documents procurable on this side of the Atlantic.

Whenever biographical notices or references are introduced, they will be found generally in connection with the first allusion to the respective individuals.

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, *May*, 1858.

ABBREVIATIONS.

"S. P. O., B. T."—State Paper Office, Board of Trade Papers—the different classes of Papers being designated "Amer. and West Indies," "Proprieties," "Plantations Gen'l.," &c. See page xix.

"N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS."—The Manuscripts in the Library of the New Jersey Historical Society.

"N. Y. Col. Docts."—Documents relating to the History of the State of New York, Edited by E. B. O'Callaghan, M. D., under the authority of the Legislature.

"Rutherfurd MSS."—Papers in the possession of Miss Rutherfurd.

"Mass. Hist. Soc. MSS."—Manuscripts of Massachusetts Historical Society.

"Whitehead MSS."—Manuscripts in the possession of W. A. Whitehead.

"Belcher Papers."—Original Papers of Gov. Belcher in Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, copies of which, referring to New Jersey, are among the New Jersey Historical Society Manuscripts.

"Pres. Hist. Soc. Papers."—Manuscripts of the Historical Society of the Presbyterian Church, in Philadelphia.

ERRATA.

Page 36. The reference to Sir Tho's Lane should *follow* the entry it precedes.
" 37. Line 7 from bottom, for "Edmund" read *Edward.*
" 65. Line 1 } for "Pinhouse" read *Pinhorne.*
" 79. Line 31 }
" 48. Line 29 for Proceedings of Society, "Vol. III." read *Vol. VIII.*
" 110. Line 4 } from bottom, for "John Wells" read *John Wills.*
" 156. Line 13 }
" 125. Line 4 from bottom, for "June 19" read June 10.
" 112. Line 25 } for "Peter Baird" read *Peter Bard.*
" 177. Line 6 }
" 207. Line 1 insert *to* between "July 23" and "1748."
" 217 and 218. The usual [should have been before the dates Nov. 20—Nov. 23—Dec. 3 and Dec. 14.
' 221. Line 24. The letter of R. H. Morris referred to, will be found noted on Page 240, the entry being misplaced.
" 228. The letter under date of April 24th, 1748, should have been noticed under date of April 24th, 1749.
" 281. Line 13 for "Thomas Barton" read *Thomas Bartow.*
" 330. Line 15 for "Aisley" sead *Ainsley.*
" 394. Line 6 for "De Brahn" read *De Brahm.*

ANALYTICAL INDEX.

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1649.

[Feb. 4. Certificate of John Fenwicke's membership of the church, "whereof Mr. John Goodwin is Pastor." Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Printed in Johnson's Account of Salem, p. 33. An Original Memoir of "John Fenwicke, Chief Proprietor of Salem Tenth, West Jersey," by Robert G. Johnson, is printed in the "Proceedings of the New Jersey Historical Society," Vol. IV., p. 53.]

1651.

[Sept. 4. Commission of John Fenwicke to be "Captain of a Troop of Horse," from "Jo. Bradshawe, Pres't," with the seal of the Council of State. Original, N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Printed in Johnson's Account of Salem, p. 32.]

1663--4.

March 12. Patent from King Charles II. to the Duke of York, for New Jersey, in America. Entry, S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 25, p. 113. 26 folios.

["An exemplification of this grant at the request of John Fenwicke, Esqr.," engrossed on parchment, is among the manuscripts of the N. J. Hist. Society. It is printed at length in Leaming & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 3.]

1664.

June 23 and 24. The Lease and Release from the Duke of York to Lord Berkley and Sir George Carteret, of New Cæsarea, for the yearly rent of twenty Nobles. Entry, S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 25, p. 118. 18 folios.

[The ORIGINAL Lease for a year, and Release are in the Collection of Manuscripts in possession of Miss Rutherfurd, near Newark. The latter is printed at length in Leaming & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 8.]

Aug. 19—29. Fort Anil, N. Netherl'ds. Gov. P. Stuyvesant to the Commander of an English Man-of-War. The Governor is desirous to know the intent and purpose of the Commander's approach and continuance in the Harbour of Nyack. Copy, S. P. O.; Am. and West Indies, V. 5 folios.

Printed in Smith's Hist. of New Jersey, p. 37. [See Brodhead's N. Y. p. 738.]

Aug. 20—30. On Board the Ship "Guyny." Col. Nicolls to Gov. Stuyvesant. The King of Great Britain, "whose Right and Title to these parts of America is unquestionable," commanded Col. Nicolls to require a Surrender of Forts, Towns, &c., which are now possessed by the Dutch. Copy, S. P. O.; Am. & W. Indies. 4 folios.

Printed in Smith's Hist. of New Jersey, p. 38.

Aug. 25, *o. s.* Sept. 4, *n. s.* Gravesend. Col. Nicolls to Gov. Stuyvesant. Col. Nicolls is ready to propose and receive all ways and means to avoid the effusion of blood. He will not treat otherwise but upon articles of surrender. Copy, S. P. O.; Am. & West Indies. 4 folios.

Printed in Smith's Hist. of New Jersey, p. 42.

(Aug. 23, *o. s.*) Sept. 2, *n. s.* Fort Amsterdam. Gov. Stuyvesant to Col. Nicolls in answer to his letter of 20—30 August, 1664. The King of Gt Britain has no right to New Holland, Curacoa, Bonair and Araba. The Dutch possessed Fort Orange abt 50 years, the Manhatans abt 42. The Soult River abt 40 years, and the Fresh Water River abt 36 years. Particular dates of the settlement of the Dutch. The offering of any Hostility would be an infraction of the Treaty of Peace. The Dutch did not Fear the threats. Copy, S. P. O.; Am. & W. Indies. 26 folios.

The substance of the above letter is to be found in Smith's Hist. of New Jersey, p. 39.

Aug. 25, *o. s.* Sept. 4. *n. s.* Fort Amsterdam in N. Hol'd. Gov. Stuyvesant to Col. Nicolls. The Commissioners are sent to Col. Nicolls "to treate and seeke out the means of a good accommodation, and in the meane time to cause all hostility to cease." Copy, S. P. O.; Am. & W. Indies. 4 folios.

This letter is printed in Smith's Hist. of New Jersey, p. 40.

(Aug. 26, *o. s.*) Sept. 5, *n. s.* Fort Amsterdam, N. Netherlands. Governor Stuyvesant's Commission, Empowering several persons to treat with Col. Nicolls upon Articles of Surrender. Copy, S. P. O.; Am. & West Indies. 3 folios.

Aug. 26, *o. s.* Sept. 5, *n. s.* Camp bef. the Manhatans. Col. Nicolls' acceptance of the proposal made by the Govr of N. Amsterdam to treat upon Articles of Surrender, and nominating his Commissioners. Copy, S. P. O.; Am. & West Indies. 3 folios.

Aug. 27, *o. s.* Sept. 6, *n. s.* The "Govr's Bowry on the Manhatans." Copy of Articles of Surrender of the City and Fort of Amsterdam and the Province of New Netherlands to the Crown of England. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 1, p. 59. 16 folios.

Printed in Smith's Hist. of New Jersey, p. 43.

September 3—13. Manhatan. Copy of a Commission from Col. Nicolls, Mr. G. Cartwright and Mr. Maverick to Sir Robert

Carr to subdue the Dutch settled at Delaware Bay. S. P. O.; Am. and W. Indies. 3 folios.

Printed in Smith's Hist. of New Jersey, p. 47, [and in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III., p. 70.]

Oct. 1. Articles of Agreement between Sir Robert Carr and the Dutch and Swedes Inhabiting in Delaware Bay and River. Copy, S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 1, p. 169. 5 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III. p. 71; and in Smith's New Jersey, p. 49.]

Oct. 10. Sir Robert Carr's grant of a tract of Land called by the Indians "Chipusen," and "now called the manor of Grimstead," near the head of the Delaware River, to Captain Hugh Hyde and Captn Thomas Morley, upon condition that it be planted in six years. Copy, S. P. O.; Am. and West Indies. 9 folios.

Enclosed in 1664, Octr. Col. Nicolls to Sir H. Bennet, &c.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III. p. 72.]

Oct. —. Fort James, New York. Col. Nicolls to (Sir H. Bennet, afterwards Lord Arlington,) Secr. of State—Capt'n Hyde will give an ample relation of the reducing of Delaware Bay—The Planters and Burgers submitted at once, but the Gov'r with about 50 Men defended the Fort, which was taken by a foot company under the command of Lieut. Carr and Ensign Stocke—In the Fort a considerable "cargo" was found—Sir Robert Carr claims the booty as his own—Col. Nicolls purposes going there—The wants of the Troops —Sir Robt. Carr's absence hinders the execution of His Majesty's Commission in New England—The importance of extending the Trade with the Natives and Europeans settled on Delaware Bay, fears of its being retaken in the spring by the Dutch W. India Company—Lord Baltimore will, undoubtedly, solicit the King to give him Delaware—Col. Nicolls appointed Capt'n Robert Needham to command at Delaware Bay till the King's pleasure be further known. S. P. O.; Am. and West Indies. Original, 12 folios.

Copy of Sir Robt Carr's Grant of a Tract of Land to Capt. Hyde and Capt. Morley. 10 Oct., 1664, enclosed.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III. p. 68.]

1664--5.

Jan. 16. Boston, N. Engl'd. Mr. George Cartwright to Sir Henry Bennet (Lord Arlington) Secr. of State—Since the reduction of the Dutch and Swedes "upon the South River" in October last, Mr. Maverick and Mr. Cartwright visited the English Colonies, but could do nothing, since Sir Robert Carr cannot be persuaded to leave Delaware, and Col. Nicolls is detained at N. York —Probability of the Dutch endeavouring to regain their possessions S. P. O.; Am. and West Indies. Original, 3 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III. p. 83.]

Feb. 7. Boston N. E. Mr. G. Cartwright to Sir H. Bennet

(Lord Arlington) Secr. of State—Sir Robert Carr returned from Delaware on the 4th of Febry.—Sir Robt. Carr, Mr. Maverick and Mr. Cartwright intend going to Plymouth to meet the Assembly—The spirit of Commonwealth is still very strong in N. England—The Commissioners hope to finish their business by midsummer. Original, S. P. O. Am. and West Indies. 2 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III. p. 89.]

Feb. 10. Concessions and agreement of the "Lords Proprietors of the Province of New Cesarea, or New Jersey, to, and with all and every the Adventurers and all such as shall settle or plant there," signed and sealed John Berkley and G. Carteret. Attested copy, S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey, Vol. 3, E 43—4. 3 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov. Burnet to the Board of Trade, July 3, 1728.

[Printed in Leaming & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 12; and in Smith's New Jersey, p. 512. A manuscript copy which belonged to John Fenwicke, is among the manuscripts of the Society. The original document was destroyed by fire in April, 1686. See Proceedings N. J. Hist. Soc., Vol. III. p. 165.]

[Feb. 10. Commission from Lords Berkley and Carteret to Philip Carteret to be Governor of East Jersey. Copy, Boundary Papers, Whitehead MSS.

Printed in Leaming & Spicer's Grants and Concessions, p. 26.]

[Feb. 10. Commission from Lords Berkley and Carteret to Robert Vanquellin: to be Surveyor General under the first seal of the Province. Original, Rutherfurd MSS.

See East Jersey under the Proprietors, pp. 52, 62, 77, 92.]

1665.

November. Fragment of an Original Letter from Col. Nicolls to the Duke of York, dissuading him from issuing out a Patent to Lord Berkley and Sir G. Carteret for the Lands to the West of Hudson's River, and proposes another Tract of Land on Delaware River to be granted to them. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 1, p. 7. 7 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. III. p. 105; in Chalmers' Political Annals, p. 624, and in East Jersey under the Proprietors, p. 179.]

1666.

Nov. 6. Answers to the several Queries relating to New Planters on the Territories of the Duke of York in America. In the handwriting of Col. Nicolls. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 1, p. 30. 6 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III. p. 188.]

1667.

Oct. 7. Petition of Peter Stuyvesant of New York to the King, praying that the Hollanders may trade with those parts of America which formerly belonged to the Dutch. Original, S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 1, B. A., p. 28. 3 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III. p. 164. Referred to the Board of Trade, and an order was issued October 27, allowing the Dutch to trade to New York for seven years, &c. See Col. Docts., Vol. III. pp. 165, 166.]

[Oct. 30. Grant from Governor Philip Carteret and Council to Nicholas Verlett and Nicholas Bayard, for the plantation "known in the Indian language by the name of Sekakus." Copy from the Records, Whitehead MSS.

The Island "Secaucus," still so called, on the southern end of which is Snake Hill, in Hudson county.]

1668.

[Sept. 22. Charter to the town of Bergen from Governor Philip Carteret and Council. Copy, Whitehead MSS.]

[November.] Address from the Council of Trade to the King, praying him to give orders to restrict the Trade of the Dutch to New York, and other parts of his Plantations in America. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 1, B. A., p. 34. 10 folios.

[Resulting in the recall of the order of October 27, 1667. Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III. pp. 175, 177.]

1669.

Dec. 31. New York. Matthias Nicolls to Col. Nicolls, in London. The Finns of Delaware attempted an Insurrection, but were put down—Mr. White, Surveyor Gen'l of Maryland, made claim to the West side of Delaware River on behalf of Lord Baltimore, but did not succeed in establishing obedience. Original, S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 1, B. A., p. 40. 5 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III. p. 186.]

1673.

Sept. 3. Boston. Extract of a letter to Mr. Harwood about the surrender of New York to the Dutch. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 1., B. A., p. 42. 5 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III. p. 205.]

Oct. 26. A Memorial sent to Mr. Locke by Mr. Bridgeman, on behalf of the English Planters round New York, praying His Majesty to reduce the said New York under his obedience, and to provide sufficient strength to protect them and their Trade against Hollanders. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 1, B. A., p. 44. 3 folios.

1674.

July 1. Commission from the Duke of York to Sir Edmund Andross, to be Governor of New York and all the Lands depending thereon. Copy, S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 1, p. 171. 7 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III. p. 215.]

[July 28 and 29. Lease for a year, and Release from James Duke of York to Sir George Carteret, for the northern half of New Jersey. Original, Rutherfurd MSS.

The Release is printed at length in Leaming & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 46.]

[July 31. Instructions from Sir George Carteret for the government of his province, directed to the Governor, Council, and Inhabitants. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Printed at length in Leaming & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 50.]

1675.

[July 19. Counterpart of Release from John Fenwicke for his portion of West Jersey, (signed by Edmond Warner and John Eldridge.) Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Nov. 17. Grant from the Indians to John Fenwicke for lands in West Jersey.

Copy in Fenwicke's handwriting. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS. This was for the first purchase, including lands between Salem and Old Man's Creeks. See Johnson's Salem, p. 14.]

1675--6.

[Jan. 8. Deed from the Indians to John Fenwicke, confirmatory of sale of Nov. 17, 1675. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

See Johnson's Salem, p. 14.]

[Feb. 6. Grant from the Indians to John Fenwicke for his second purchase of lands in West Jersey. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

This included lands between Salem Creek and Cohansey. See Johnson's Salem, p. 14.]

1676.

[March 2 and 14. Deeds from Indians to John Fenwicke for his third purchase of lands in West Jersey. Originals. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

These lands were between the Cohansey and Morris Rivers. See Johnson's Salem, p. 15.]

1675--8.

[Dec. 5 to Oct. 28. Proceedings of Government of New York in relation to the settlement and jurisdiction of John Fenwicke in West Jersey. New Jersey Hist. Soc. MSS. Copies from Records at Newcastle, Delaware.

Printed in "Proceedings" of the Society, Vol. II. pp. 8, &c.]

1676.

[July 1. Quintipartite deed between Sir George Carteret, Wm. Penn, Nicholas Lucas, Gawen Lawrie and Edward Byllinge (dividing the province into East and West Jersey, differently from the Conveyance to Sir George of July 28–29, 1674.) Original and a duplicate. Rutherfurd MSS.

Printed in Leaming & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 61. See East Jersey under the Proprietors, pp. 99, 126, &c.]

[Aug. 6. Instructions of William Penn, Gawen Lawrie, Edward

Byllynge, Nicholas Lucas and Edmond Warner to their commissioners to West Jersey, James Wasse, Richard Hartshorne and Richard Grey. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

See Smith's New Jersey, pp. 80–87.]

1677.

[May 2. Release from Wm. Penn, Nicholas Lucas, Gawen Lawrie, and Edward Byllynge, to Thomas Rudyard, for 1-9th of 9-10ths of West Jersey, in consideration of £350 due to Rudyard from Byllynge. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Thomas Rudyard appointed Deputy Governor of East Jersey, Sept. 16, 1682. See East Jersey under the Proprietors, pp. 91, 123.]

1677--8.

[March 2. Release from William Penn, Nicholas Lucas, Gawen Lawrie, and Edward Byllynge, to Thomas Rudyard and John Ridge for 1-9th of 9-10ths of West Jersey. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

1678.

March. Sir Ed. Andros' account of his proceedings in the Gov't of New York, from Oct. 1674 to Nov. 1677, wherein he mentions the New Jersey Indians being turbulent. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, V. I., B. B., p. 13. 24 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III., p. 254.]

[August 27. London. Original Letter to John Fenwicke from his wife Mary. New Jersey Hist. Soc. MSS.

Printed in Johnson's account of Salem, p. 46.]

[August 31. London. Original Letter to John Fenwicke from his wife Mary. New Jersey Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1679.

[Feb. 9. London. Original Letter to John Fenwicke from his wife Mary. New Jersey Hist. Soc. MSS.

Printed in Johnson's account of Salem, p. 52.]

[August 20. New York. Patent from Sir Edward Andros to Robert Hegnat and John Crue, for a tract of land called Westchester, about four miles South of "Rebobah Bay," in Delaware River, containing 900 acres, Quit Rent, nine bushels of Wheat. Certified copy in 1769, from New York Records. Whitehead MSS.]

Sept. 19. Sir John Werden's note to the (Secretary of State.) An account of the Establishment of Customs at New York—grants of New Jersey to different parties—waits to be informed whether by the grant the Quakers be empowered to set up a distinct Government, and whether they are not still liable to the laws established in New York. S. P. O. America & West Indies. Vol. 385. Draft, 7 folios.

[Feb. 19. Will of Sir George Carteret. Date of Will, Dec. 25, 1678. Exemplified Copy from the Canterbury Archives. Rutherfurd MSS.]

1680.

[Elizabethtown. Letter from Revd. Seth Fletcher to * * * * Discussion with Quakers lately—news of the day. Original. Mass. Hist. Soc. MSS.

From Revd. Richd. Webster.]

[August 6. Grant of James, Duke of York, to Edward Byllinge, William Penn, Gawen Lawrie, Nicholas Lucas, and Edmund Warner, for the Soil and Government of West Jersey.

One of the originals is in the Rutherfurd Collection, with the Seal (imperfect) attached in a tin box, and another in the Surveyor General's Office, Burlington. Printed in Leaming & Spicer's Grants and Concessions, p. 412.]

August 6. Copy of the Duke of York's confirmation of the soil and grant of the Government of West New Jersey to Edward Byllinge, his Heirs and Assigns. Communicated to the Board of Trade by Mr. Edward Richier, Sept. 23, 1701. (Same as foregoing.) S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 6. G. 34. 48 folios.

[See East Jersey under the Proprietors, pp. 191, 202. Samuel Jennings appointed Deputy Governor by Byllinge. See Smith's New Jersey, p. 126.]

[Sept. 10. Release of James, Duke of York, to Sir George Carteret (the grandson and heir) for all East Jersey, (does not appear to have been signed before Oct. 16.) Original and Duplicate. Rutherfurd MSS.

See East Jersey under the Proprietors, pp. 81, 192.]

1681.

[Oct. 14. Deed from the Indians to Cornelius Longfield, for a tract of land on south side of Raritan River. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Nov. 2. Copy of the proceedings of the Govr, Council, and Assembly, at a Court held at Elizabeth Town, in New Jersey, from Oct. 19 to Nov. 2, 1681. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. I., p. 249. 40 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III., p. 293; and a synopsis is in East Jersey, &c., p. 192.]

1681--2.

[Feb. 1. Release from Elizabeth Carteret, Executrix, and the Trustees of Sir George, to the twelve Proprietors for all of East Jersey. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Copies are among the Manuscripts of the Society—in the Boundary Papers of the Whitehead MSS., and it is printed in the "Proceedings" of the Society, Vol. IV. p. 156. Originals of both Lease and Release are also in the Secretary of State's Office, Trenton.]

1682.

[June 1. Agreement by the twelve Proprietors of East Jersey, that there should be no benefit of survivorship. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Sept. 22. Deed from William Penn to Robert Barclay, for one

half of his twelfth (one twenty-fourth) of East Jersey. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

See Learning & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 73. Robert Barclay was appointed Governor of East Jersey in Sept. 1682, and afterwards Governor for life July 17, 1683. He commissioned Thomas Rudyard to be his Deputy Sept. 16, 1682.]

[Dec. 10. Will of Philip Carteret, Governor of New Jersey, under Lords Berkley and Carteret. Copy from the Records. Rutherfurd MSS.

See East Jersey under the Proprietors, p. 85—Note.]

1682--3.

March 14. Grant by way of Indenture, by the Duke of York for East New Jersey to twenty-four Proprietors, upon payment of ten Nobles per annum. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 3. C. 5. Copy, 35 folios.

[Printed in Learning & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 141. See East Jersey, &c., pp. 88, 196.]

[March 23. Deed from John Fenwicke to William Penn, conveying his interest in West Jersey, excepting certain reservations. The counterpart signed by Wm. Penn. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1683.

[Order of Proprietors of East Jersey, relative to Perth-Amboy. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[August 11. East Jersey. Letter from Samuel Groom to the Proprietors in England, describing the country and his proceedings since his arrival. Original in Rutherfurd MSS. (See "Proceedings" of the Society, vol. 1, p. 69.)

Printed in Scot's Model of the "Government of East New Jersey," p. 154. (See East Jersey, &c., p. 281,) and in Smith's New Jersey, p. 172.]

[Sept. 21. Directions of the Proprietors in England to Gawen Lawrie and Samuel Groom, for the "expeditious building of ye ground on Ambo Point, which we intend shall be called Perth Towne," directing how it is to be laid out, divided among the Proprietors, &c. Original. Whitehead MSS.

Lawrie appointed Governor of East Jersey in July, 1683, but did not assume the Government until February, 1684.]

[November 23. Whitehall. King Charles II.'s letter to the Governor and Council of East New Jersey, and to the Planters, Inhabitants, and all others concerned in the said Province—that they yield due obedience to the laws and government of James, Earl of Perth, and others, Grantees of the Province by an Indenture from James, Duke of York. Entry, S. P. O. Am. & W. Ind. Plant. Gen. O. B. 8 Vol. 9 folios.

Printed in Learning & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 151.]

November 23. King Charles the II.'s Proclamation to the in-

habitants of East New Jersey, to submit to the Laws and Gov't of the Grantees, being the foregoing letter in a Printed Broadside, to which is attached the names of the Proprietors, and a short sketch of the boundaries and origin of the Propr'y Govern't also printed. S. P. O., B. T. Propr. Vol. 1. A 58—1. 12 folios.

1684.

[Feb. 13. Agreement between William Penn and the Executors of John Fenwicke, relative to the taking up of land in West Jersey. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Printed in Johnson's account of Salem, p. 27.]

[March 13. Deed of sale from William Dockwra to Robert Blackwood, of Edinburgh, for one forty-eighth part of East Jersey. Original. Whitehead MSS.

William Dockwra was the Proprietors' Register in England. See Contributions to East Jersey History, p. 14.]

1683--4.

March 15. Newmarket. Letter from King Charles II. to Edward Billing (Byllynge,) Governor of West New Jersey—that great care be taken that no disorders or depredations be committed to the prejudice of His Majesty's allies, by pirates. Entry, S. P. O. Am. & W. Ind. Plant. Gen. O. B. 8 Vol. 3 folios.

1684.

[April 13. Agreement between William Penn and the Executors of John Fenwicke. Copy. New Jersey Hist. Soc. MSS.

Printed in Johnson's Salem, p. 27.]

August 22. Edinburgh. Letter from the Earl of Perth, Geo. McKenzie, and Lord Drummond to Gov. Dongan—Have discoursed with the Commissioners for Trade and Plantations and the Duke of York, about the proposal of annexing the colony of New Jersey to the Gov't of New York, and urged Col. Dongan to lay aside all thought of it. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 1, p. 308. 3 folios.

[Printed in East Jersey under the Proprietors, p. 214; in Chalmers' Annals, p. 62, and in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III. p. 348.]

1684--5.

Feb. 13. New York. Gov. Dongan to the Earl of Perth, in answer to his letter of Aug. 22, 1684—East Jersey affairs—inconveniencies of having two distinct Governments upon one River—complains of the Conduct of his Agents on Staten Island. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 1, p. 309. 6 folios.

[Printed in East Jersey &c., p. 215; in Chalmers' Annals, p. 628, and in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III. p. 353.]

1685.

[March 26. Power of attorney from the Proprietors in England and Scotland to Gawen Lawrie, Deputy Governor Thomas Rudyard, Thomas Warner, and others, to determine the rightful ownership of

certain lands on Raritan River. Copy in the handwriting of Wm. Dockwra, Register of the Proprietors, with original notes by Peter Sonmans. Whitehead MSS.]

[May 11. Order of Proprietors making it necessary for the signatures of five whole proprietors, or a number equivalent thereto, including the Governor and Register to be appended to any commissions, instructions, &c., to give them validity, and confirming sundry documents already issued. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Printed in Leaming & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 204.]

May 13. The Corporation of New York to Sir John Werden—Recommending to His Majesty to re-unite New Jersey and Delaware to the Govern't of N. Y. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Vol. 1, p. 296. New York. 4 folios.

[See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III., p. 361.]

[July 3. Instructions from the Proprietors, relative to "setting out of lands," and disapproving of the course of Lawrie and Rudyard in the selection of land at Changoroza. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Printed in Leaming & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 207.]

[October 21. Order of the Proprietors directing an examination into the affairs of the Province of East Jersey. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

1686.

[Jan. — Minutes of Proprietors of Eastern Division, on application of John Berry, for abatement of quit rents on his lands in New Barbadoes, and his surrendering the old for a new patent. Copy from the Records. Whitehead MSS.]

[April 29. Order of the Proprietors of East Jersey, authorizing William Dockwra, their Register, to sign for them. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

A mark of confidence on the part of the Proprietors, as no consultation with any of them was made necessary.]

[August 24. Deed from the Proprietors to William Haige for 500 acres of land in Monmouth County, known as "Cooper's Nook." "In consideration of the sudden disappointment the said William Haige has so lately met withal, in being so quickly dispossessed of the office of Surveyor General." Original. Whitehead MSS.

See Contributions to East Jersey History, p. 14.]

[Sept. 20. Minutes of Council of East Jersey. Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

[Oct. 23. Minutes of Council of East Jersey. Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

[— A list of the Proprietors of East Jersey. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

1687.

[April 2. A list of the Proprietors of East Jersey. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

This list, bearing date April 2d, is printed in appendix to the "Answer of William, Earl of Sterling, and others, Proprietors, &c., to John Hunt's Bill in Chancery, 1770."]

[— Revocation of all the powers granted to Gawen Lawrie by the Proprietors of East Jersey. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Lord Neill Campbell appointed to succeed him June 4th, 1686; assumed the Government October, 1686.]

1686--7.

Feb. 22. New York. Col. Dongan, Gov'r of New York, to the Board of Trade—In answer to the heads of inquiry sent him—The state of the Province of New York and its relations with the: neighbouring Provinces—East and West Jerseys injure the trade of New York—attract not only the Indians, but even many merchants from N. Y. go over there—In Jerseys there are no Import or Export Duties —Privateers and others are harboured at Sandy Hook, and carry on an illegal trade—It would be advisable to build a Fort there (*i. e.*, Sandy Hook)—As regards the three Lower Counties, it would be more advantageous to join them to N. Y. than Pennsylvania. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 1. B. D. P. 49. Extract. 10 folios. Entire paper ab't 200 folios.

In the P. S. Col. Dongan proposes to the Board that Connecticut be joined to N. Y. Since the loss of Delaware and the Jerseys, the Peltry Trade, Quit-rents, and Excise, are very much diminished.

[Printed at length in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. III., p. 389.]

1687.

[March 12. Minutes of Council of East Jersey. Copy. Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

May 9. Petition of John Palmer to King Jas. II., that a fine of £60, which, in a suit with the Proprietors of New Jersey, he was sentenced to pay, may be remitted to him. S. P. O., B. T.; Vol. 1, p. 371. 3 folios.

[John Palmer (Captain), of Staten Island, received a grant for land on the Raritan in 1681, and in 1682, Dec. 13, he was appointed one of Deputy Governor Rudyard's Council.]

May 30 to July 12. Memorandum of a Petition presented by the Proprietors of E. & W. Jersey to the King, complaining that their ships are obliged to enter New York. The petition was referred to the Board of Trade, May 30, 1687. On the 15th June, 1687, the Board of Trade gave their opinion that the Petition be sent to Gov. Dongan for his answer. On the 18th of June an Order of Council was issued confirming the Board's opinion. The Proprietors applied the second time, and on the 12th of July, 1687, an Order of Council was issued commanding the Board of Trade to hear the Pro-

prietors—the result of which hearing was a letter from the Privy Council to Col. Dongan, under date of 14th August, 1687. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 47, p. 118. 8 folios.

Aug. 14. Windsor. Letter from the Privy Council to Gov. Dongan, signifying His Majesty's pleasure, "that all ships bound for New Perth, in H. M.'s Colony of East N. Jersey, to go directly thither, without touching at New York," under certain provisions. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 46, p. 136. Entry. 3 folios.

[The copy sent to New Jersey is in the Whitehead Manuscripts. It is printed in New York Colonial Documents, Vol. III., p. 428; and see "East Jersey under the Proprietors," p. 111, Note.]

1688.

April 30. Draft of a surrender of Government presented to King James II., by the Proprietors of East Jersey. Communicated to the Board by Mr. Dockwra, 11th Dec. 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Proprietors. Vol. 6. G. 47. 4 folios.

[See East Jersey under the Proprietors, p. 113.]

[Aug. 25. Commission from Governor Andros to Andrew Hamilton, John Campbell, Robert Vanquellin, John Bishop, John Inians, and Samuel Haile, to be "Justices to keep the peace in the County of Middlesex." The great Provincial Seal attached. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

1692.

[April 6. Commission from William Dockwra, the Proprietors' Register, and in their behalf, to John Barclay (and in case of disability on his part to John Reid) to be Surveyor General, with Seal of the Province in a tin box. Barclay's oath of office on the back, dated Nov. 1, 1692. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

For notices of John Barclay and John Reid, see Contributions to East Jersey History, pp. 42, 45.]

[Sept. 28. Minutes of Council of East Jersey. Copy. Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

[Dec. 30. Commission from Governor Andrew Hamilton to Lewis Morris, of Tinton Manor, Lewis Morris, of Passage Point, and John Hance, Judges of Court of Common Right in Shrewsbury. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1693.

[April 1. London. Letter from Wm. Dockwra, Proprietors' Register, to Governor Hamilton. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

[Printed in Society's Proceedings, Vol. I, p. 144; and see East Jersey, pp. 133–4.]

1696.

July 17. Extract of a Presentment from the Custom Commissioners to the Lords of the Treasury, about the Governors in the

Proprietary Governments in America, being remiss in enforcing the Acts of Trade and Navigation in their respective Governments. S. P. O., B. T.; Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 34, p. 19. Entry, 3 folios.

July 22. Mr. Lowndes, Secr. of the Treasury to Mr. Popple, Secr. to the Board of Trade. Transmits for the Board of Trade's consideration, Extract of a Presentment from the Custom Commiss^rs of 17 July, 1696, complaining of the Governors of the Proprieties, being remiss in enforcing a compliance with the Acts of Trade and Navigation. S. P. O., B. T.; Plant^n Genl. Vol. 34, p. 18. Entry, 1 folio. Enclosed: Extract of the above-named presentment of July 17, 1696.

July 31. The names of persons recommended to be the Judges, Registers, and Marshals, in the Courts of Admiralty, and also of the Attorney General in the Colonies and Provinces on the Continent of America, presented to the Board of Trade by Mr. Randolph. S. P. O., B. T.; Plant. Genl. Vol. 34, p. 22. 4 folios.

August 31. Edward Randolph's Memorial to the Board of Trade, about the inefficiencies of the Attorney Generals in the N. American Colonies, recommending to remove some of them, and to appoint others. Entry, S. P. O., B. T.; Plant^n Genl. Vol. 34, p. 29. 11 folios.

Sept. 7. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Justices of England, upon the Presentment from the Custom Commissioners of 17 July, 1696. Recommend Mr. James Graham to be Att. General for New York, East Jersey, and Connecticut; and Mr. Edward Chilton for Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, N. Carolina, and West Jersey. Entry, S. P. O., B. T.; Plant. Gen. Vol. 31, p. 34. 5 folios.

Nov. 5. Order of Council upon a Petition of the Proprietors of Carolina, Bahama Islands, Pennsylvania, E. & W. Jersey, and Connecticut. They pray that a copy of the B. T. Representation of Sept. 7, made upon Ed. Randolph's information, may be given them, and that they may be heard, before Mr. Attorney shall make Report on the subject. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 1. A. 4. 7 folios.

Nov. 10. Randolph's Representation to the Custom Commissioners about the breach of Acts of Trade and Navigation in the several Colonies, especially in those which were under distinct Proprieties. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 1. A. 6. 25 folios.

Nov. 21. Commission from the Custom Commissioners to Mr. Thomas Cocker, to be Collector of Duties at Perth Amboy. Copy. S. P. O., B. T.; New York. Vol. 7. D. 33–4. 4 folios.

Dec. 3. Order of Council upon a Representation from the Board of Trade of the same date, relating to Jamaica, and complaining of

the Protection given to Pirates in the Proprieties. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol. 1. A. 10. 2 folios.

Dec. 4. Inner Temple. Sir Thos Trevor's (Att. Gen'l) opinion that the King may appoint Admiralty Jurisdiction, Advocates General, and such other Officers in the Admiralty Courts as he may think convenient. Enclosing foregoing Representation of 1696, Sept. 7, and Order of Council referring the above Representation to the Att. Gen'l. 1696, Sept. 10. S. P. O., B. T.; Plantn Gen'l. Vol. 1. A. 7. 9 folios.

Dec. 9. Randolph's Memorial to the Commissioners for Trade desiring leave to prove the allegations in his Memorial to the Custom Commissioners of Nov. 10, 1696. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol. 1. A. 8. 2 folios.

Dec. 16. Memorial of the Lords Proprietors and Agents of the Provinces of Carolina, Bahama Islands, Pennsylvania, E. &. W. Jersey, and Connecticut, to the Board of Trade, requesting to be heard abt the Courts of Admiralty being established there. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. V. 1. A. 11. 4 folios.

Dec. 31. Kensington. Order of Council upon a Representation from Proprietors of several Colonies in America to the King, appointing the 7th of January next for their hearing. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 1. A. 13. 2 folios.

1696--7.

January 21. Petition from the Proprietors of Carolina, Bahama, Pennsylvania, E. &. W. Jerseys, and Connecticut, to the King, desiring that the Governors of the said Provinces may have Commissions to be Vice Admirals. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 1. A. 18. 3 folios.

[Jan. 30. London. Receipt of William Dockwra for £5 1s. 3d. for sundry expenses (specified) incurred for the Proprietors in the years 1695 and 1696—money received from P. Sonmans, Treasurer of the Proprietors. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

February 9. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Proprs. of E. & W. N. Jerseys—to pay their respective Quota of Men to New York —to make effectual Laws agst Deserters and Fugitives—to take care that no Pirates be sheltered or protected there. Entry, S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. V. 25, p. 45. 6 folios.

March 1. Mr. Lownds, Secr'y of the Treasury to the Custom Commiss'rs about the Ports in New Jersey.

See 1697. Sept. 8. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol. 1. A. 53.

1697.

April 2. Opinion of Sir Creswell Levinz on the subject of Customs in East New Jersey. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol 1. A. 58–2. 3 folios.

See also, 1697. Oct. 1. Memorial of the Proprietors of East

New Jersey, &c., and 1697, June 4, Opinion of Sir John Hawles.

[See East Jersey under the Proprietors, p. 142.]

April 9. Sir Thos. Trevor, Att. Gen'l to Secretary Popple, enclosing a draft of a bond to be entered into by the Proprietors of the several Plantations in America, for obliging them to cause their Dep. Gov'rs to obey his Majesty or other persons acting under his authority or orders. S. P. O., B. T.; Prop. V. 1. A. 38. 5 folios.

April 22. The King's Letter to the Proprietors of E. &. W. N. Jerseys, relating to the Plantation Trade. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. V. 25, p. 69. 3 folios.

May 6. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to Mr. Basse, enclosing a Bond to be entered into by the Proprietors of East and West N. Jersey, in conformity with the King's orders. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol. 25, p. 75. 3 folios.

May 20. Burlington. Association for the Defence of King Wm. III.'s Person, and Governmen against Attempts of the late Kg. Jas. II., signed by the Gov'r, Council, and Representatives of W. N. Jersey. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 2. B. 19. No. 2. 3 folios.

May 20. Address of the Gov'r and Council of W. N. Jersey to King Wm. the Third, upon his delivery from the hands of an assassin. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 2. B. 19. No. 3. 2 folios.

(May 20.) Declaration of the Quakers of New Jersey to be faithful to King Wm. III., and to protect his person and Gov't against Traitors. 42 signatures. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 2. B. 19. No. 4. 4 folios.

May 21. Memorial of the Propr's of E. &. W. New Jerseys, signifying their having nominated Mr. Jeremiah Basse to be Gov'r of those provinces, and desiring His Majesty's approbation. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprs. V. 1. A. 44. 3 folios.

[See East Jersey, &c., p. 138.]

June 4. Opinion of Sir John Hawles, on the subject of Customs in East New Jersey. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol. 1. A. 58–3. 3 folios.

See also 1697. April 2, and 1697. Oct. 1.

June 8. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to Mr. Basse, informing him that the Proprietors ought to give the required security before he be presented to the King for the Gov'r of the New Jerseys. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol. 25, p. 82. 2 folios.

[See May 6, 1697.]

1697.

July 15. London. Mr. Basse to Mr. Popple—Desires to know

1° What to do with those that were Pirates and now may be settled in the Jersies?—2° What course will be the best to take with those that may come into the Provinces?—and 3° Whether it would not be necessary for all the officers in E. and W. New Jersey to take the oaths and to sign the Association?—Few remarks about the required Bond from the Proprietors. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 1, A. 48. 10 folios.

July 21. London. Mr. Basse to Mr. Popple.—Waits for an answer to his of the 15th inst.—He goes to Jerseys with a firm resolution of putting a stop to the Piracies. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., V. 1, A. 49. 3 folios.

July 22. Secr. Popple to Mr. Basse.—In answer to his letters of the 15th and 21st of July, transmitting several Queries about Pirates, and explaining to him about taking oaths in Jerseys, and giving Bond by the Proprietors. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 25, p. 92. 6 folios.

July 26. London. Letter of Mr. Basse to Secr. Popple.—In answering the several Queries in his Letter of the 22d inst., Mr. Basse gives a long and particular account of all that he knew about the Pirates in the American Plantations. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 1, A. 50. 23 folios.

Aug. 4. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to Mr. Basse—requiring him to lay before the Board of Trade the most particular instances he knows, of the Pirates being entertained and protected in R. I.: N. Y.: Car.: and Providence—The names of the said Pirates and their protectors, and of all other matters relating to Piracy. Entry, S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 25, p. 103. 3 folios.

Aug. 31. Report from the Custom Commissioners about the Ports at New Jersey.

See 1697. Sept. 8. Copy, S. P. O., B. T. Propr. Vol. 1, A. 53. 9 folios.

[See East Jersey, &c, p. 142.]

Sept. 8. Letter from Mr. Lownds by order of the Lords of the Treasury, referring to the Board of Trade's considerat^{n} a Report of the Commiss'rs of Customs upon a Petition of the Proprietors of E. and W. New Jerseys relating to their Port, and the annoyance they experience from the Collectors of New York. Enclosing

The Proprietor's Petition to the Treasury.

Mr. Lownds to the Custom Commiss'rs, 1696–7, March 1, and Custom Commiss'rs' Report, 1697, Aug. 31. S. P. O., B. T. Propr. Vol. 1, A. 53. 3 folios.

Sept. 23. Order of Council referring to the Board of Trade the Petition of the E. N. Jersey Proprietors to the Lords Justices, praying that a day may be appointed to hear their complaints against

the Custom officers of New York. Entry, S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 25, p. 150. 10 folios.

Sept. 14. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to Mr. Lowndes in answer to his Letter of the 8th of the same Month about Ports in E. and W. New Jerseys. Entry, S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 25, p. 148. 2 folios.

Oct. 1. East N. Jersey. Memorial of the Proprietors of East New Jersey (signed by Wm. Dockwra, Secr. and Reg. of E. N. J.,) complaining of the Collector and Officers of New York, who insist that all ships Bound to E. N. J. should come to New York and pay an Import laid upon goods there, according to an Act of their Genl Assembly. Enclosing

1683, November 23. 1697, Apr. 2. 1697, June 4. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., V. 1, A. 58. 35 folios.

Oct. 6. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to the Att. and Sol. General relating to the Petition of the Proprietors of East N. Jersey about the right of Constituting Ports, requiring their opinion whether that Right is actually invested in the Proprietors. Entry, S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 25, p. 164. 5 folios.

Original in S. P. O., B. T. Propr. V. 2, B. 1.

Oct. 18. The Attorney and Solicitor General's Answer to the Queries sent them by the Secr. Popple 6th of Oct. about Ports of N. Jersey. Original, S. P. O., B. T. Propr. Vol. 2, B. 1. 3 folios.

Oct. 21. The Commissioners of Customs to Mr. Randolph, Surv^r Genl of Customs in America, ordering him to appoint officers for Collecting duties on Import and Export at Perth Amboy and Burlington. Copy, S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 7, D. 33.

Oct. 27. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Justices upon the Petition of the Proprietors of East New Jersey, objecting to their having a Right to Establish a Free Port at Perth Amboy. Entry, S. P. O., B. T. Propr. Vol. 25, p. 176. 27 folios.

Oct. 27. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Council of Trade to all the Plantations in America ab^t publishing the Peace. Entry, S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l, Vol. 34, p. 190. 2 folios.

Nov. 25. Kensington. Order of Council upon Representation from the Board of Trade of Oct. 27, 1697, disallowing the Establishment of a Port at Perth Amboy, and directing that all the Ships Trading in Hudson's River pay their dues to the Governor of New York. Entry, S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 25, p. 188. (2 folios.)

Nov. 30. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to all the Plantations in America, with Copies of the Treaty of Peace with

the French King. Entry, S. P. O., B. T. Plant'n Gen'l, Vol. 34, p. 208. 2 folios.

[December 1. Authority to George Willocks from Proprietors of East and West Jersey to receive and sell Quit Rents. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Printed in Leaming & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 214. For notice of George Willocks see Contributions to East Jersey History, p. 80.]

Dec. 22. Secr. Popple to the Prop. of E. and W. N. Jerseys, requiring them to transmit to the Board of Trade all the Acts passed in the General Assembly of Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 25, p. 188. Entry. 1 folio.

1697--8.

Feb. 23. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Proprietors of Carolina, Bahama Islands, Pennsylvania and New Jerseys, with Proclamations prohibiting His Majesty's subjects to enter into the Foreign Service. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 25, p. 196. Entry. 2 folios.

March 21. Cockpit. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Proprietors of Carolina, Bahama Islands, Pennsylvania, New Jerseys, Conn't and Rh. Isl'd, directing them to enact Laws against Privateers and Pirates. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 25, p. 201. Entry. 2 folios.

[See New York Colonial Documents, Vol. IV. p. 299.]

1698.

April 14. Burlington. Complimentary Letter from the Council of New Jersey to the Proprietors, thanking them for having sent Mr. Basse to be their Governor. Copy, inclosed in Govr Basse's letter to Secr. Popple, of 1698, April. S. P. O., B. T. Propriet., Vol. 2, B. 13, No. 1. 4 folios.

[An account of the disbursements of the East Jersey Proprietaries to this year. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Printed in Appendix to "Answer of William, Earl of Sterling, and others Proprietors, &c., to John Hunt's Bill in Chancery, 1770."]

April. Perth Amboy. Govr Basse to Secr. Popple—His arrival in Jersey—published his Commissions—took and administered the oaths—some Pirates from Rhode Island Landed in Jersey, of which he informed the E. of Bellomont, Gov'r of N. Y.—the Illegal Trade to Curacao and Madagascar—Recommends to erect a Fortification on Sandy Hook, and to appoint some officials there—communicated his plans to Mr. Randolph—proposes a method for reducing the Plantation Trade to an equality. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 2, B. 13. 5 folios.

[See East Jersey under the Proprietors, p. 138.]

May 8. Earl of Bellomont to the Board of Trade—In the latter part of his letter he states that the granting leave of 2 ports to

the Jerseys may be attended with ill consequences to N. Y., and that he would not permit Proclamations to be printed for making Perth and Burlington Free Ports. S. P. O., B. T., New York, Vol. 7, c. 2. (Extract.) 4 folios.

[Printed in New York Colonial Documents, Vol. IV. p. 302, and see page 298 same volume. See also East Jersey, &c., p. 143.]

[May 11. Commitment of Lewis Morris for contempt of Court, signed by Joseph Rolph, sheriff. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc'y, MSS.

See East Jersey, pp. 100, 139, and Hist. Soc. Collections, Vol. IV. p. 6.]

May 24. New York. Earl of Bellomont's Proclamation for maintaining the Port at New York against Perth-Amboy and Burlington in New Jersey. Printed Broadside, N. Y. S. P. O., B. T., New York, Vol. 7, c. 17. 7 folios.

May 25. New York. Earl of Bellomont to the Board of Trade—Encloses his Proclamation of May 24, 1698, for maintaining the Port at N. Y., in its privileges against Perth and Burlington in East New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T., New York, Vol. 7, c. 16. Original. (Extract.) 2 folios.

[Printed in New York Colonial Documents, Vol. IV. p. 313, and see p. 318 of same volume.]

May 27. Perth-Amboy. Deposition of John Elston, one of Every's (the Pirate) Crew taken before the Gov'r of the Jerseys. Copy. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 7, D. 41. 13 folios.

May 30. Perth-Amboy. Gov'r. Basse's Proclamation, asserting the Right of Perth-Amboy of being a Free Port. Orig'l in MS. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 7, c. 51. 5 folios.

June 17. Perth-Amboy. Govr Basse to the Earl of Bellomont, refusing to give up two of Every's (the Pirate) Crew. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 7, D. 3. Copy. 2 folios.

June 18. New York. Earl of Bellomont to Gov'r Basse in answer to his Letter of 17 June, about two of Every's (the Pirate) Crew, then being in New Jersey. Copy. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 7, D. 3. 3 folios.

June 30. Memorial of J. Graham, the Att. Genl of New York to the Earl of Bellomont, gives a short historical Acc't of the Jerseys from 1664, and offers his reasons why Amboy ought not to be a Free Port. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 7. D. 42. 12 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. IV. p. 382.]

July 1. New York. Earl of Bellomont to the Board of Trade —Had Received and Published the Council's order about the Port of N. Y. and Perth-Amboy—Sends Col. Basse's Counter Proclamation asserting the Right of Perth-Amboy, who afterwards submits

to the King's orders—Mr. Randolph seized a Ship at N. Jersey, which is tried in the Court of Admiralty at N. Y.—that Court issued a precept to bring before them two Pirates found in Jerseys; Govr Basse and Council at first refused but afterwards submitted—&c., &c., &c. Original.

The remaining part of the letter does not relate to N. Jerseys. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 7, c. 50. (Extract.) 4 folios.

[Printed at length in N. Y. Colonial Documents, Vol. IV. p. 332, and see p. 359 of same volume.]

July 6. Secr. Popple to Secr. Sansom of the Customs, with an Order of Council of 25 November, 1697, about the Free Ports at Perth-Amboy and Burlington in New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 25, p. 212. Entry. 2 folios.

July 23. Copy of a Minute of Council of New York upon a dispute about the clearing of a Ship for Perth-Amboy, without paying Customs at New York. S. P. O., B. T.; N. Y., Vol. 7, D. 31. 6 folios.

Sept. 18. Deposition of Ducie Hungerford, Collector of Customs at New York, about the seizure of a Ship at Perth-Amboy, and the resistance offered to him by the People there. S. P. O., B. T.; New York, Vol. 7, D. 34. Copy. 8 folios.

[See despatch from Lord Bellomont to the Lord of Trade, Dec. 14, 1698, in New York Col. Docts., Vol. IV. p. 438, and pages 546 and 777. Governor Basse's Memorial same volume, p. 605, and East Jersey, &c., p. 145.]

Oct. 25. Secr. Popple to Gov'r Basse in answer to his Letter of April last, commending his Zeal. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 25, p. 256. Entry. 3 folios.

Dec. 14. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to Mr. Lownds—Gov'r Basse's disobedience of the Order of Council of the 25th Nov., 1697, about the Port at Perth-Amboy—wishes to know whether this fact is known to the Lords of the Treasury, and if so, what directions their Lordships have given about it. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 25, p. 262. Entry. 3 folios.

Dec. 22. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to Mr. Sansom—Gov'r Basse's opposition to the Order of Council of the 25 Nov., 1697, about the Port at Perth-Amboy—transmits several Documents relative to the subject, and wishes to know the opinion of the Custom Commissioners, for the information of the Board of Trade. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 25, p. 282. Entry. 9 folios.

(Dec. 23.) Petition of the Proprietors of E. New Jersey to King Wm. III. praying his approval of Mr. Andrew Hamilton as Govr of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 2, B. 42. Orig. 3 folios.

See 1698–9. Jan. 5. Order of Council.

[See East Jersey, p. 148.]

1698--1700.

New Jersey. Extracts of Records in New Jersey, containing Proofs to support the Address of the Lt Gov'r and Council to the Queen (1707–8, Feb. 10. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, C. 35,) relating to the irregular conduct of Mr. Morris and other Members of the Assembly. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey, Vol. 1, C. 69. Copy. 60 folios.

Transmitted by Mr. Dockwra in his Memorial 31 Oct., 1709.

See (1707–8, Feb. 10,) Address of the L't Gov'r and Council of N. Jersey.

1699?

["Propositions for ye Settlement of Pamphilia by the Governor." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Pamphilia, so called, comprised 22,800 acres in Salem County, fronting on the Delaware, conveyed by Jeremiah Basse, as Attorney for the West Jersey Society, to John Tatham and John Jewell. See Jan. 13, 1735.]

1698--9.

Jan. 5. Kensington. Order of Council, referring to the Board of Trade Petition of the Propr'rs of E. New Jersey recommending Mr. Andrew Hamilton for Gov'r of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., V. 2. B. 42. Orig'l. 2 folios.

(Enclosing the Petition of the Proprietors of E. New Jersey of Dec. 23, 1698.)

Jan. 17. Custom House, London. Mr. Sansom to Mr. Popple in answer to his Letter of the 22 of Dec. last—the Commissrs have not yet had time to examine the papers relative to Perth-Amboy, but will despatch them soon. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 2, B. 43. Orig'l. 1 folio.

January 17. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to the Attorney General, Inquiring whether Mr. Hamilton, a Scotchman, be qualified to be Gov'r of East N. Jersey, in respect of the Act for preventing Frauds, &c. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, 25, p. 303. Entry. 2 folios.

[See East Jersey under the Proprietors, p. 148.]

Feb. 2. Sir. Thos. Trevor (Att. Genl) to Mr. Popple, In answer to his of January 17th—Mr. Hamilton, Scotchman born, is by Law capable of being appointed Governor of any of the Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 2, B. 44. Orig'l. 1 folio.

Feb. 9. Sir Thomas Lane, to Mr. Popple—Desires a Report upon the Petition of the Propr's of E. New Jersey, praying that Mr. Hamilton may be appointed Gover of the said Province. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 2, B. 45. Origl. 2 folios.

Feb. 21. Custom House, London. Mr. Sansom to Mr. Popple, In answer to his of the 22nd of December last—sending a Copy of the Custom Commiss'rs' Report to the Lords of the Treasury recommending the release of the Inhabitants of E. New Jersey from pay-

ment of Duties to New York. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 2, B. 52. Orig^l. 2 folios.

Feb. 21. Custom House, London. Report of the Custom Commissioners to the Lords of the Treasury.—Recommend to relieve the Inhabitants of East New Jersey from payment of any Duties to the Government of New York. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 2, B. 52, No. 1. Copy. 8 folios.

March 3. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Mr. Lowndes—Board of Trade wishes to know what the Lords of the Treasury intend to do about the Port at Perth-Amboy. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 25, p. 349. Entry. 2 folios.

March 9. Kensington. Order of Council referring to the Board of Trade the Petition of the Propr. of East New Jersey [of March, 1698–9, enclosed,] praying either to Free the Port at Perth-Amboy, or to consent to a Trial at Westm^r Hall upon a feigned issue, where they may receive a Judicial Determination. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 2, B. 57. 8 folios with Encl.

March 13. Memorial of the Proprietors of W. New Jersey to the B. of Trade. Andrew Hamilton, Esq., recommended to be Gov'r of W. N. Jersey, signed by Sir Thos. Lane, Mr. Paul Dominique, Mr. E. Richier, Mr. John Moore, Mr. Michael Watts, Mr. John Bridges, Mr. Rob. Michel and Mr. Wm. Hammond. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Propr., Vol. 2, B. 57. 3 folios.

(March 13.) "An Act declaring what are the Rights and Privileges of His Majesty's subjects inhabiting within this Province of East New Jersey," passed at the General Assembly held at Perth Amboy, from the 21 February to 13 March, 1698—9. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 3. E. 43—44. Attested Copy. 8 folios.

Enclosed in a Letter from Govr Burnet to the Board of Trade of July 3, 1728.

[See Leaming & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 368.]

March 23. A. Hamilton, Esqr., to Secr. Popple. Desires a speedy Report upon the Proprietors' Memorial about his being appointed Governor of the New Jerseys. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol. 2. B. 59. Original. 2 folios.

March 23. Memorial of the Proprietors of East New Jersey to the Board of Trade—Complain of the Gov'r of N. Y. seizing the ship Hester within the Harbour of Perth Amboy—Arguments in support of their Claim to have a Free Port at Perth Amboy—Inconveniences of clearing their ships at N. Y.—offer to obtain an Act of Assembly to fix the same duties at Perth Amboy, as are paid at N. Y.—Pray to be heard before the B. T. make their report upon their last Petition. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 3. C. 1. 12 folios.

[See East Jersey under the Proprietors, p. 144.]

1699.

April 3. Memorial of the Proprietors of East New Jersey to the Board of Trade—The allowing a Port in East N. Jersey upon the conditions they proposed at the last hearing would be no detriment, but an advantage to New York—Reasons for it—Their Title to the Govern^t of the Province—Pray to make a speedy Report upon their Petitions. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 3. C. 4. 8 folios.

April 14. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Mr. Dockwra—The Claim of the Proprietors of East New Jersey to a Port at Perth Amboy, and the Right of the Gov't of the Province will be tried at the Bar in Westminster Hall, in order to receive a Judicial Determination. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 25, p. 399. Entry, 2 folios.

April 18. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to King Wm. III., Recommending that the Claim of the Proprietors of East New Jersey to a Port at Perth Amboy, be tried at the Bar in Westminster Hall. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 25, p. 400. Entry, 2 folios.

April 19. Memorial of the Proprietors of E. N. Jersey to the Board of Trade—Mr. Popple informed them of the Board's intention to bring their Claim of a Port in East Jersey, together with the Right of Gov't of that Province to a Trial at Westminster Hall—They proposed to have a Trial of their Claim to a Port as the last resort to justify themselves against the clamours of the Inhabitants—They did not offer to try their Right of Government, as their right to a Port does not depend upon it. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 3. C. 7. 4 folios.

[April 21. Letter from the "Towne of Newarke to the Townes of Perth Amboy, Elizabethtowne, Woodbridge, Freehold, Bergen, Shrewsbury, Middletown, Piscataqua, Aquechenonck, &c.," relative to an "Act for redressing a force of our neighbour Province," passed by the Assembly; approving their intention not to comply with it, and calling upon the other towns to co-operate. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Printed in East Jersey under the Proprietors, p. 145; and see the Act in Leaming & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions."]

May 25. Burlington. Gov'r Basse's Proclamation, prohibiting the Inhabitants of N. Jerseys from having any correspondence, or giving any assistance to the Scotch Adventurers intending to settle in America. (Darien.) Copy, S. P. O. America & West Indies. V. 385. 4 folios.

May 27. Cape May. Gills Shelley to Mr. Delancey—Arrived at Cape May from Madagascar—his Cargo—the number of Passengers and their destiny—amount received for the passage—goes to

Sandy Hook—Buckmaster is on Board—Capt. Burges at St. Marys —he has 23 Negroes for his owners. Copy, transmitted in Gov'r Basse's Letter to Secr. Popple, of 1699, June 9, [which sec.] S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 3. C. 29. N° 1. 4 folios.

[See New York Col. Docts. Vol. IV., p. 542.]

May 31. Order of Council upon a Petition of the Proprietors of W. New Jersey to King Wm. III., praying to approve Andrew Hamilton, Esqr., to be Gov'r of the said Province. Referred to the Board of Trade. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 3. C. 21. Original, with a Copy of the Petition. 4 folios, with Enclosure.

June 1. Letter to (the Proprietors of East New Jersey) from the Towns of "New Worke, Eliza's Town, Perth Amboy, and Freehold," signed by the Town Clerks. The address passed to Gov'r Basse is far from being the sentiments of the generality of the Province—Gov'r Basse's misconduct in his Gov't, &c. A Copy enclosed in Mr. L. Morris's letter to the Board of Trade of Aug. 5, 1701. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 6. G. 28. 6 folios.

[See East Jersey under the Proprietors, p. 145.]

June 1. Col. Quary, Judge of the Admiralty in Pennsylvania, to the B. of Trade. He had seized two pirates and sent them to Burlington. Gov'r of N. Jersey is very active; provided a sloop to pursue the Pirates, and went in it himself. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 3. C. 30. Original. (Extracts as far as relates to New Jersey.) 2 folios.

[Col. Quary's name in connection with the Colonies is first met with as Governor of South Carolina in 1684, and again in 1690, having during part of the intermediate time acted as Secretary of the Province. When he became a resident of the middle Colonies is not known. His letters to the Board of Trade and other Officials, a number of which may be seen in the New York Col. Docts., indicate the possession of more than ordinary ability, and the existence of certain relations to the Board of Trade, which some have thought warranted the supposition, that he was a secret emissary or spy of the Government. The fact that he had at one time a seat in the Councils of five of the Colonies—New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia,—gives some color to the supposition. (See Smith's New Jersey, 231 Note.) He was Judge of the Admiralty Court in New York, as well as Pennsylvania. Smith says he died in 1712; it must have been after June, as he was then living and holding the office of Surveyor General of the Customs in America. N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V., pp. 329, 335.]

June 6. Philadelphia. Col. Quary, Judge of the Admiralty in Pennsylvania, to the B. of Trade—Gov'r Basse has seized 4 more of the Pirates—the Pirates in West New Jersey cannot be tried there, they having no Act to that purpose—the Pirates in Pennsylvania are confined to a Tavern—those in West Jersey are at Liberty, the Quakers there will not let them to go to Jail. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 3. C. 31. Original. (Extracts relative to West New Jersey.) 2 folios.

June 9. Burlington. Gov'r Basse to Secr. Popple—He seized 2 Pirates; they were bailed by the Earl of Bellomont—Shelley ar-

rived at Cape May—some of his Crew are seized—he will send their confessions and Inventory of their goods by the next conveyance—Kidd was seen between the Capes of Delaware—the Proprietors neglect Gov'r Basse because he discourages Pirates and the Scotch in illegal Trade—Jamaica act ag'st Pirates passed in E. N. Jersey; the Scotch opposed the said Act—they hope to have a Scotch Gov'r S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 3. C. 29. Original. 12 folios.

Enclosing, 1699, May 27, Gills Shelley to Mr. Delancey of N. Y.

[See New York Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 551.]

June 10. Burlington. Gov'r Basse to Secr. Vernon—Some Scotch inhabitants endeavour to promote the settlement which they call New Caledonia—the Scotch settled on Golden Island, near the Coast of Darien, entered into a Confederacy with the Indians, and in a skirmish with the Spaniards came off victorious—they sent proposal for the settlement of that place—the N. Jersey Gentlemen, Scotch by birth, do not mind the King's prohibition, but support the Adventurers—the Trade of N. Jersey and Pennsylvania is much in the hands of the Scotch to the detriment of the English. S. P. O.; America & West Indies. Vol. 385. Original. 6 folios.

June 27. Perth Amboy. Mr. C. Goodman, Collector at Perth Amboy to the Custom Commissioners—Was informed that Shelley landed some Goods in New Jersey from the Ship Nassau—he seized them, but some 20 Men in disguise, and armed, forced from him the said goods—an act of the Inhabitants of New Jersey and their disregard for the Government. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 4. D. 15. Original. 8 folios.

See 1699. Octr 23. Order of Council.

July 5. Memorial of the Proprietors of the Province of East New Jersey to the Board of Trade—They have an aversion to hold a Controversy with the King—they declare themselves ready to surrender their Gov't—certain Rights and Privileges to be confirmed to the Proprietors and Planters—request that Col. A. Hamilton may be dispatched by the Board to the Govern^t of W. Jersey. Original. Enclosing King Chas. the II.'s Proclamation of 1683. Nov. 23. (See 1697. Oct. 1.) S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 3. C. 23. 11 folios.

[Printed in Smith's New Jersey, p. 560; and the opinion and answer of the Lords of Trade will be found in the same work, p. 562. See also Leaming & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," pp. 588 & 594.]

July [5.] Memorial of the Proprietors of West New Jersey to the Board of Trade—Surprised to find that the Board questions the validity of the Grant under which they Claim the Govern't of that Province—desire another better title from the King—West Jersey lying upon a different River, can never interfere with the Trade of

New York—they cheerfully join with the other Proprietors in East New Jersey in a surrender of that Govern't—pray that Col. Hamilton might go over with the Board's approbation to West Jersey, and to continue in the Government until the King's pleasure be further known. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 3. C. 24. Original. 7 folios.

August 10. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Justices—Arrival of Pirates in Pennsylvania and W. New Jersey—illegal Trade between N. York and Madagascar—all the Pirates seized in Pennsylvania and W. New Jersey be sent home with the evidences against them. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 26, p. 66. 23 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 542.]

August. 21. Extract of a Presentment from the Custom Commissioners to the Lords of the Treasury—Mr. C. Goodman, Collector at Perth Amboy, seized some goods from a ship called the Nassau from Madagascar—the goods were forcibly taken away from him. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 4. D. 15. Copy, 2 folios.

See 1699. Oct. 23. Order of Council, &c.

September. An account of the number of Freeholders in West Jersey, being an extract from Daniel Leeds' Almanac for the year 1701, presented to the Board by Mr. Dockwra, 13 Feb. 1704–5. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. B. 7. Copy, 2 folios.

[Daniel Leeds was an early immigrant into West Jersey, and for many years was one of the principal Surveyors of the Province, became one of the Council, and held other important positions.]

Oct. 23. Kensington. Order of Council upon the Extract of a Presentment from the Custom Commissioners—Board of Trade are ordered to examine the matter, and to report thereon. Original. Enclosing entries of June 27 and August 21, 1699. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 4. D. 15. 3 folios.

Oct. 25. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to Mr. Dockwra—The King in Council wanted to know how far the "Act for preventing Fraud and regulating Abuses in the Plantation Trade," has been complied with in E. & W. New Jersey—how the Gov't of each of those Provinces now stands, and in whose hands the administration thereof at present lies. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 26, p. 124. Entry, 2 folios.

Nov. 7. Secr. Popple to Mr. Sansom—The Board of Trade are desirous to know whether the Commissioners of Customs have any thing further to offer relating to the seizure of Goods by Mr. Goodman at Perth-Amboy. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 26, p. 126. 2 folios.

Nov. 8. Custom House. Mr. Sansom to Mr. Popple in answer to his of the 7th of the same Month—the Commissioners have noth-

ing further to offer relating to the seizure of goods made by Mr. Goodman at Perth Amboy. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 4. D. 19. Original. 1 folio.

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Mr. Dockwra—Received no answer to his letter of the 25th of last Month—Board of Trade want to know the names of the Persons in whose hands lies the Government of E. & W. New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol. 26, p. 128. 1 folio.

Nov. 14. Chief Office, Penny Post. Mr. Dockwra to Mr. Popple—Received his two Letters—the Proprietors are dispersed, but as soon as he can get a Committee of them he will inform the Board of the mames of the Persons in whose hands the Government of E. & W. New Jersey lies. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 4. D. 20. 2 folios.

[William Dockwra was the originator of the Penny Post in London. See Contributions to East Jersey History, p. 15.]

Nov. 20. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Sir Thos. Trevor, Attorney General—The Board desires his opinion, whether the King may not empower the Earl of Bellomont by name, or the Gov'r of New England, or the Gov'r of any other Plantation, for the time being, to approve or disapprove, from time to time, any of the Newly Elected or Appointed Governors of Proprieties or Charter Governments. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 26, p. 130. 2 folios.

1699--1700.

[List of papers referring to the surrender of the Government of New Jersey to the Crown, of which Mr. Paris desired copies from the Office of the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations. Rutherfurd MSS.

All the papers mentioned in this list, 21 in number, are specified in this Index, excepting the following: "July 20, 1699, Memorial of the Proprietors, with proposals"—"Nov. 28, 1699, answer of the Board to said proposals"—and "March 21, 1702, the Board's Letter to Messrs. Dockwra and Morris"—Mr. Paris, however, gives particular references to the dates and pages of the Board's Journal, on which the subject-matter of these documents was discussed or alluded to, as follows:—Journal D. 1699, July 20. Nov. 27–28. 1700. Jan. 15. Feb. 12. Journal E. 1700, Nov. 15. Dec. 3, 6, 17. Journal F. 1701, July 18. Aug. 20. Oct. 1, 2, 8, 22, 24, 31. Nov. 4, 6, 11, 12, 28. Dec. 3 to 5, 9, 11, 12, 16. 1702, Jan. 6. Feb. 4, 6. March 20.]

[Opinion of Council—William Leck, William Williams, Jo. Holles, John Hoyle, John Holt, Wm. Thompson, Rich'd Wallop, Hen. Pollisefen, concerning the invalidity of Col. Nicolls' grants, and Indian purchases against the title of Berkley and Carteret. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

January 15. Memorial of the Proprietors of E. New Jersey to the Board of Trade in reply to their Lordships' "Opinion and Answer" of the 28 of November last—Are surprised at the dubious answer returned concerning the Establishment of a Port at Perth

Amboy—the Inhabitants of E. N. Jersey are equally entitled to the King's favor with the inhabitants of New York—to obtain a Port it was the Proprietors' main inducement to consent to a surrender of their Government—they insist that in the New Charter to be granted to them by the King, there be an express clause inserted, whereby Perth Amboy shall be a Port for ever. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 4. D. 36. Original. 8 folios.

[Printed in Smith's New Jersey, p. 564; and in Leaming & Spicer's "Grants and Concessions," p. 597.]

Feb. 1. London. Mr. Basse to the Board of Trade—Encloses all his proceedings in the two Governments of the Jerseys against the Pirates, with transcripts of the Proclamations, Warrants, and Letters that passed on that subject—he would be happy to give an account at large of the rise and progress of that Province, of the disturbances and methods of quelling them. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 4. D. 38 to D. 39–7. Original. 85 folios.

[Feb. 14. Plan of Governor Hamilton, of New Jersey, for the maintenance of Soldiers in the Plantations on the Continent of America, delivered to the Earl of Bellomont.

Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 679; and see Earl of B.'s Despatch transmitting it at page 671.]

March 12. Elizabeth Town. Minutes of the Proceedings of the County Court held at Elizabeth Town—deportment of Saml. Carter in Court—the Sheriff ordered to arrest Carter—the Court obliged to adjourn amidst noise and howling of the People. Attested Copy, Enclosed in Mr. Morris's letter to the Board of Trade of Aug. 5 1701. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 6. G. 28. 5 folios.

March 19. Piscataway. Record of the disturbance caused at Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex—the Justices of the Peace came to Piscataway to hold the County Court—the People would not allow the use of the County Court—Edward Slater and others maltreat the Sheriff and the Justice Dennis—the Justices finding such opposition and resistance went to the Constable's house and made this Record. Attested Copy, Enclosed in Mr. Morris's letter to the Board of Aug. 5, 1701. S. P. O., B, T.; Proprieties. Vol. 6. G. 28. 5 folios.

1700.

[June 1. Perth-Amboy. Letter from Governor Andrew Hamilton to the Proprietors in England. Original, and an old copy. Whitehead MSS.

Printed in East Jersey under the Proprietors, p. 223.]

June 13. Letter from Gov'r Hamilton to (Secr. of State)—Mr. Basse is gone to England, he will give an account of what money, &c., of the Pirates he seized—Gov. Hamilton since his arrival took 4 into Custody—Col. Quary has the money seized upon Pirates. S. P. O., Am. and West Indies, Vol. 385. Original. 2 folios.

July 23. Middletown, E. J. Andrew Bowne and Rich. Hartshorne, to Mr. Basse—the Government wants to be settled—Col. Hamilton put Morris into Commission of his Council.—Morris said, he will make the People submit to Col. Hamilton's Government or he will embrue the Province in blood—The Sheriff was beaten while on his way to arrest Salter and others—Col. Hamilton sent 40 armed Men to Middletown to seize Salter and Bray, but for the intercession of some people there would have been a riot—there are a great many people aga'st Hamilton, but almost all against Morris. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 5, F. 43. Extract. (Enclosed in 1700 (Nov. 15).) 5 folios.

[*Andrew Bowne* as President of the Council had been left by Basse in the exercise of the chief authority, but his title thereto was questioned, and hence his hostility to Hamilton's administration. See East Jersey, &c., p. 150. *Richard Hartshorne* was of Monmouth County, and came to the Province from London in September, 1669. He was a Quaker by profession. An account of the country written by him and circulated in England induced considerable emigration. He was one of the Commission appointed by Lawrie, Penn, Lucas, &c., in 1676 to lay out West Jersey.—It was under a grant to him in 1677 that Sandy Hook was first held. See Smith's New Jersey for various references to him, and East Jersey under the Proprietors. For a memoir of Lewis Morris and his papers see "Collections" of the Society, Vol. IV. *Richard Salter* is styled by several of the Proprietaries "a factious and seditions person," and see Smith's New Jersey, p. 343.]

July 30. E. J. ———— to Mr. Basse—Col. Hamilton appointed Mr. Morris President of the Council, which caused a commotion in the Province—Mr. Morris threatened to embrue the country in blood if the people did not submit to Col. Hamilton's Govern't. —Riot in Monmouth—The Sheriff maltreated—Col. Hamilton with 40 or 50 armed Men goes to Middletown—The Monmouth, Middlesex and Essex Counties resolved to oppose Morris—Justices Dennis and Bishop disown the people's proceedings—The Country is resolved to secure Hamilton, Morris and Leonard, if they make any future disturbance—These officers drink King James' health and speak treasonable words. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 5, F. 43. Extract. (Encl. in 1700 [Nov. 15]). 7 folios.

Aug. 7. Shrewsbury. Minutes of the Court of Inquiry held at Shrewsbury—Richard Salter with many others declared guilty of Assault upon the High Sheriff and Henry Leonard. Attested Copy (Imperfectly copied). Enclosed in Mr. Morris's Letter to the Board of Trade of Aug. 5, 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 28. 2 folios.

[Aug. 8. [R] Deed from the Indians to Theophilus Pierson of Newark for a tract of land on the north side of Canoe brook swamp, and east side of the south branch of Passaic River. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

One of the documents transmitted to his Council by Governor Belcher, Nov. 19, 1747.]

(Aug.) Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of East New Jersey to the King—they are dispossessed of their Lands by the Proprie-

tors—they labor under great grievances and oppressions—pray that the King may appoint a firm Gov'r., who, as an indifferent Judge, may decide the Controversies arising between the Proprietors and the Inhabitants—Signed by 231 persons. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 5, F. 42. Copy. Enclosure in Order of Council of Nov. 5, 1700.

[Printed in Smith's New Jersey, p. 558, without date. The answer of the Proprietors is printed in Elizabethtown Bill in Chancery, p. 123. See 1700, Dec. 9.]

Sept. 10. Newark. Minutes of the Proceedings of the County Court at Newark—Burwell ordered to maintain his Bastard Child, but he refused and was ordered to be taken into Custody—Burwell and his Friends maltreated the Constable, the President and the rest of the Justices—the names of the Rioters to the number of 49.—The names of the Grand Jurymen—Warrant to the Sheriff to summon a Jury of Inquiry dated 12 Sept., 1700—The names of the Summoned Jurymen—Deposition of Johnson, Pearson and Smith that the keys of the Prison were forcibly taken away by the Rioters—The names of the Inhabitants of Elizabeth Town who took an active part in the Riot of Newark—The Depositions of Zachery Burwell and Paul Day against the Men of Elizabeth Town—The Deposition of John Gardner about the Riot at Newark—Enclosed in Mr. Morris's letter to the Board—of Aug. 5, 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 28. Attested Copy. 21 folios.

Nov. 5. Whitehall. Order of Council upon a Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of East New Jersey, complaining of being dispossessed of their Lands by the Proprietors—the said Remonstrance is referred to the Board of Trade for consideration. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 5, F. 42. Original. 20 folios (with enclosure.)

(Nov. 15.) Mr. Basse to the Board of Trade with extracts of letters relating to the disorders in the Government of East New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 5, F. 43. Original. 13 folios.

Nov. 16. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Mr. Dockwra—Transmits the Remonstrance from the Inhabitants of East New Jersey to the King, and requires the Proprietors to give an answer to the same. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 26, p. 348. Entry. 2 folios.

Dec. 3. Mr. Basse to the Board of Trade—desires that the Proprietors be commanded to bring in a speedy answer to the Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of New Jersey, referred by the Council to the Board's consideration. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 5, F. 44. Orig'l. 1 folio.

Dec. 3. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Mr. Dockwra—If the Proprietors of East New Jersey do not speedily send an answer to the

Remonstrance of the inhabitants of E. N. J. to the King, and which was transmitted to them from the Board of Trade of the 16th of Nov. last, the Board will be obliged to Report their opinion upon it to the King, ex parte as it now lies before them. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 26, p. 350. 2 folios.

Dec. 5. Mr. Dockwra to Mr. Popple—promising a speedy answer to the Remonstrance of the Inhabitants of East New Jersey transmitted to him 16 November last. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 5, F. 48. 2 folios.

Dec. 9. The Answer of the Proprietors of East New Jersey to the Remonstrance and Petition presented to the King in the name of the Inhabitants of that Province. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 5, F. 50. 36 folios.

For "Remonstrance and Petition" see 1700 (August.) and 1700, Nov. 5. Order of Council, [and see 1699, August.] S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 5, F. 42.

Dec. 17. Mr. Basse to the Board of Trade.—He was informed that the Proprietors of East N. Jersey put in their answer to the Remonstrance and Petition of the Inhabitants of that Province—desires a Copy of their answer, as well as the terms upon which they offer to surrender their Government. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 5, F 51. 2 folios.

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Mr. Dockwra—The Board desire him to lay before them the Proposals relating to the surrender of the Government of East and West New Jersey, in order to their considering of the same. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 26, p. 383. Entry. 2 folios.

1700--1.

Feb. 19. Abstract of papers presented to the Board of Trade by Mr. Randolph, setting forth Misdemeanors in the Proprietary Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 5, F. 69. Original. Extract relating to E. and W. New Jersey. 1 folio.

March 6. Middletown. Minutes of the proceedings of the County Court held at Middletown—Unwillingness of several of the Inhabitants to serve on Grand Juries, &c.—The Court fined them in various sums for disobedience—Attested Copy—Enclosed by Mr. Morris to the Board, Aug. 5, 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 28. 7 folios.

1701.

(May.) Petition of the Inhabitants of E. N. Jersey to the King—Disturbances have arisen in consequence of Gov'r Basse's not having the King's approbation—the Proprietors now appointed Col. Hamilton their Gov'r without first obtaining the King's sanction—Col. Hamilton holds Courts by force of Arms to the great terror of the Petitioners, who pray for a redress. Copy—enclosed by Mr.

Yard to the Board of Trade. July 17. 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 23. 11 folios.

1700--1.

Feb. 21. Memorial of Mr. Basse to the Board of Trade, praying that the Petition of the Inhabitants of E. N. Jersey relating to the disorders there may be considered. S. P. O., B.T. Proprieties, Vol. 5, F. 70. Original. 2 folios.

March 24. Articles of high Crimes and Misdemeanour charged upon the Proprietory Government, by Mr. Edw'd Randolph. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 3. Original.

Extract as far as relates to N. Jersey. 1 folio.

1701.

March 25. Middletown. Minutes of the Proceedings at the County Court at Middletown—Moses Butterworth tried for Piracy —The Gov'r and Justices questioned about the validity of their authority—Riot and Rescue of the Prisoner—The Gov'r, Justices, and other officers imprisoned for four days. Attested Copy. Enclosed by Mr. Morris to the Board of Trade, Aug. 5, 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 28. 7 folios.

(May.) Petition of the Gov'r and Council of East New Jersey to King Wm. III.—In consequence of the hesitation of the Board of Trade to confirm Col. Hamilton in the Govern't of that Province, the people were guilty of insubordination to the local authorities—Pirate rescued from the Bar—the Gov'r and Justices abused—Pray the King to command the Inhabitants to obey the Proprietors' Commission until the Trial at Bar be had, or the King's pleasure be further known. Original. Enclosed by Mr. Yard to the Board, Aug. 18, 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Propr's, Vol. 6, G. 29. 9 folios.

[May 1. (R.) Deed from the Indians to Garrabrant Clawson, Hans Spier and others for a tract of land in Essex County, on the East side of Passaic River. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.

One of the documents laid before his Council by Gov'r Belcher, Nov. 19, 1747.]

May 12. Burlington. Petition of the Provincial Council and House of Representatives of West New Jersey to King Wm. III.—By the evil endeavours of one Joshua Barkstead and others resident in England, the Inhabitants of W. N. Jersey are persuaded that Col. A. Hamilton was rejected by the Court as Gov'r of that Province, and that Col. Basse will shortly return as the King's Gov'r—continual disturbances and disobeying of the local authorities—Pray that the King would rebuke the Insolency of the People, and command their obedience to the present Government. Original. Enclosed by Mr. Yard to the Board, Aug. 18, 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 29. 9 folios.

[See New York Col. Docts., Vol. IV. p. 863.]

May 16. Burlington. Address from the Inhabitants of West New Jersey to the King—They have been harassed by those who have held the Reins of Government and who afterwards would not submit to Gov'r Basse's Administration—Gov'r Basse's officers maltreated by the Quakers—Riots and Disturbances in the Colony —Pray to be taken under the King's immediate Gover'nt. Copy. Enclosed by Mr. Yard to the Board of Trade, July 17, 1701. S. P. O , B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 23. 14 folios.

June 18. Perth-Amboy. Letter from the Council of E. N. Jersey to the Proprietors—They are surprised to hear of a Commission having arrived for Capt. Bowne to be Gov'r, which will open the wounds of the Province, that were almost closed up—They advised Col. Hamilton not to surrender the Government.—Recommend strongly to put an end to the dispute with the King about the Right of Gover'nt. Copy. Enclosed by Mr. Morris to (Secr. Popple.) Sept. 13, 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Propr's, Vol. 6, G. 32. 6 folios.

June 19. Copy of a Surrender of the Right of Government by the Proprietors of East Jersey inhabiting there in 1701—communicated to the Board by Mr. Morris, Dec. 9, 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 46. 16 folios.

June 20. Memorial of Mr. Basse to the Board of Trade—Prays that the Board would examine the Remonstrance and Petition of the Inhabitants of East New Jersey and give their opinion thereupon—The disorders in that Province are as great as ever—The uniting New Jersey with Pennsylvania and 3 Lower Counties under one Government, would quiet the people and diminish the illegal Trade. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 19. Original. 4 folios.

July 15. Mr. Basse to the Board of Trade—The disorders in the Charter Government still increasing, he would suggest to appoint a Commission of Inspection, and proposed several Queries to be inserted in their Instructions. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 22. Original. 5 folios.

July 17. Whitehall. Mr. Yard of the Council to the Board of Trade—transmits the Petition and Address from the Inhabitants of East and West New Jersey to the Lords Justices, for the Board's consideration and Report thereupon. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 23. Original. 26 folios, with Enclosures, consisting of Petition from the Inhabitants of E. N. Jersey, (May, 1701,) and Address of the Inhabitants of West New Jersey, May 16, 1701.

Aug. 5. London. Mr. L. Morris to the Board of Trade in answer to the Petition and Address of the Inhabitants of E. & W. New Jersies to the King, communicated to him by order of the Board of Trade—An Account of the causes of Disturbances in

that Province. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 28. Original, with several Enclosures. 80 folios with Enclosures.

Aug. 12. Memorial from the Proprietors of East and West New Jersey—Proposals for a Surrender of their Charter. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 29, — 4. Original. 20 folios.

Printed in Smith's Hist. of New Jersey—Appendix, No. XIV. p. 570, [and in Leaming & Spicer's Grants and Concessions, p. 599.]

(Aug. 14.) Petition of the Proprietors of the East and West New Jersey to the Lords Justices of England—In consequence of the non-approval of Col. Basse by the King to the Govern't of E. N. Jersey the disorders begun in that Province—Col. Hamilton went over and for the same reason cannot command the People's obedience to his orders—The Proprietors are ready to resign the Right of Government—Pray that Col. Hamilton may be approved Gov'r of E. and W. N. J. until the terms of surrender can be adjusted. Enclosed by Mr. Yard to the Board of Trade, Aug. 18, 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Propr's, Vol. 6, G. 29. Orig'l. 6 folios.

[Printed in Smith's New Jersey, p. 565, and in Grants and Concessions, p. 591.]

Aug. 18. Whitehall. Mr. Yard to the Board of Trade—The Lords Justices of England transmit to the Board the Petitions from the Gov'r, Council and Representatives of E. and W. N. J., and the Petition of the Proprietors of that Province for the Board's consideration. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 29. 26 folios, with Enclosures, consisting of

Petition from the Gov'r and Council of E. N. Jersey—Petition of the Prov. Council and Representatives of W. N. J., (May 12, 1701,) and Petition from the Proprietors of E. & West New Jersey, Aug. 14, 1701.

[See Grants and Concessions, p. 599.]

Sept. 13. Mr. Morris to (Secr. Popple)—Encloses Memorial from the Proprietors of E. and W. J. to the Board of Trade, relating to the Surrender of their Title to the Govern't of those Provinces—Offers his advice upon the several articles of Surrender in order to assist the Board in drawing up their Report—Desires that Col. Hamilton may be at once approved of—Encloses a list of names of Persons for the Council. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 32. Original. 24 folios with Enclosures, consisting of Mem'l from the Prop'rs of E. & W. N. J. to the Board of Trade, Sept. 13, 1701; Letter from E. N. J. to the Proprietors, June 18, 1701, and Names of Persons Recommended for the Council in N. J., Sept. 13, 1701.

(Sept. 13.) Memorial of the Proprietors of E. & W. N. J. to the Board—Pray that Col. Hamilton may be the Gov'r.—Mr. Dockwra, and others opposed to Col. Hamilton, recommend one Mr. Bowne—Col. Hamilton is an Indifferent Person. Enclosed by Mr.

Morris to (Secr. Popple), Sept. 13, 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 32. Original. 8 folios.

(Sept. 13.) List of Persons recommended by the Majority of the Proprietors of the Province of E. & W. Jersey to be of the Council in New Jersey.—Their qualifications—list of Referees, &c. —Draft. Enclosed by Mr. Morris to (Secr. Popple,) Sept. 13, 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 32. 2 folios.

(Sept. 30.) Memorial of Mr. Basse on behalf of the Province of East Jersey to the Board—Desires copies of the Petition of the Proprietors and the articles of the proposed surrender, that he may see whether there should be any thing " contrary to the interests of the Inhabitants to give in reasons against either the said articles or Petition "—The Proprietors have no legal title to the Government of the Jersies—the reasons—Col. Hamilton is not qualified for a Gov'r, he being a Scotchman by birth—desires to be heard by Council and Personally before any final Report on the said Petition and Articles is made. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 35. Original. 8 folios.

Oct. 2. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Justices of England, upon the Proposals of the Proprietors of East and West N. Jersey for a surrender of their " pretended " Title to the Government of those Provinces.—Offer their opinion that the King should appoint Gov'r, &c., by his immediate Commission, in order that the Proprietors and Inhabitants may be secured in all their properties and Civil rights—such Commission to be acquiesced in by the Proprietors, that the Surrender may be effectual in Law. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 27, p. 244. Entry. 38 folios.

Oct. 8. Mr. Yard to the Board of Trade—by order of the Lords Justices upon a Representation of the 2d inst., relating to the Jersies, a Commission and Instructions to be prepared according to the said Representation. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 36. Original. 2 folios.

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to Sir Thos. Lane, Kn't.—Encloses the draft of a Commission and Instructions prepared for a Gov'r to be sent to New Jersey, that he may communicate the same to the Prop'rs of both the Divisions. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 27, p. 312. Entry. 2 folios.

[Sir Thomas Lane had become largely interested in West Jersey by purchases from Dr. Coxe.]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to Mr. Dockwra—the Draft of Commission and Instructions for a Gov'r of New Jersey were sent to Sir Thos. Lane, to be communicated to the Proprietors of the Divisions. S. P. O., B. T. Propr's, Vol. 27, p. 313. Entry. 2 folios.

Dec. 2. Maryland. Col. N. Blakinston to Mr. Moore of Pennsylvania—He is commanded by the Board of Trade to inquire into

the Irregularities committed in the Governments of Pennsylvania and Jerseys, and not being acquainted with any one in these Provinces upon whom he can rely, desires Mr. Moore to furnish him with the necessary particulars. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, K. 44. 3 folios.

[See answer 1702, April 21.]

Dec. 5. List of persons proposed by Sir Thos. Lane and other Proprietors of West N. Jersey for Gov'r and Council of Nova Cæsaria. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Propr's, Vol. 6, G. 44. 1 folio.

Dec. 5. List of Persons proposed by Mr. Dockwra and other Proprietors of East New Jersey for Gov'r and Council of Nova Cæsaria—their merits and qualifications. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 45. 3 folios.

Dec. 9. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to the Att. Gen'l (Ed. Northey, Esq.)—Desires him to be present at the Board in order to advise about the best method in w'ch the Surrender of Jerseys may be made. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Propr's, Vol. 27, p. 317. 2 folios.

Dec. 9. Mr. Morris communicated to the Board a Copy of a Surrender of the Right of Government by the Proprietors of East Jersey inhabiting there in 1701.—Dated June 19, 1701. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 46. 16 folios.

Dec. 11. Mr. Dockwra communicated to the Board Draft of a Surrender of Government, intended to have been presented to King James II. by the Proprietors of East Jersey, dated 30 April, 1688. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 47. 4 folios.

Dec. 16. Paper of objections against Col. Hamilton presented to the Board by Mr. Dockwra, &c.,—containing an Account of his proceedings whilst Gov'r and Agent in the Provinces of East and West Jersey. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 48. 14 folios.

[A portion of the Proprietors wished Hamilton to be intrusted with the government, at least for a time; but others were opposed to such a course, of whom was Dockwra and those who acted with him.]

Dec. 31. Mr. Morris to the Board—in answer to Mr. Dockwra's objections ag'st Col. Hamilton presented to the Board, 16 Dec., 1701, vindicating the conduct of the said Col. Hamilton. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties, Vol. 6, G. 50. 27 folios.

[Dec. 31. [R.] Deed from the Indians to Edmund Earle, Junr., Theophilus Peirson, Jasper Crane and others for a tract of land in West Jersey called Mehiponing, out of consideration for the benefits derived from "daily commerce with the subjects of the good and great King of England"—the evils resulting from "some persons surveying, and after the English way taking patents" for their lands without their consent—&c., &c. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[One of the documents transmitted to his Council by Governor Belcher, Nov. 18, 1719.]

1701--2.

January 6. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—the surrender of E. & W. Jersey to the King would be the means of reducing "those Colonies to an orderly form of Government"—to direct the Attorney General to prepare a form of a surrender—the King to nominate for Governor some person wholly unconcerned in the Factions which have divided the inhabitants of those parts. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 27, p. 319. Entry. 8 folios.

Printed in Smith's Hist. of N. Jersey, p. 264.

January 29. Kensington. Order of Council upon the draft of a surrender of Government of East and West Jersey, prepared by the Att. Gen'l, referring the same to the Board of Trade, who are to call upon the Proprietors to Execute it according to the said form. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 6. H. 8. 26 folios, with the enclosed draft of a surrender.

March 20. Circular Letter from the Privy Council to the sev'l Govr's in America for Proclaiming Queen Anne in their respective Government. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Plantations Gen'l. Vol. 36, p. 82. 3 folios.

1702.

April 15. Original Surrender of the Right of Government of E. & W. Jersey to the Queen—signed by 58 Proprietors—sealed and delivered on the 8th of June, 1702—written on Parchment and in excellent preservation. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 1. 35 folios.

[Printed in Smith's New Jersey, p. 211.]

April 17. St. James'. Order of Council to the Board of Trade —that the Deed of Surrender of the Proprietors of E. & West New Jersey be enrolled in Her Majesty's High Court of Chancery. Copy. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 6. I. 39. 2 folios.

April 21. Philadelphia. Mr. Moore to Col. Blakinston, in answer to his letter of the 2d Dec., 1701—all the materials respecting the Irregularities committed in Pennsylvania and the Jerseys are in the hands of Col. Quary, and things are at a full stop expecting the issue at home—Pennsylvania and the Jerseys are at present under Col. Hamilton's care—the English at N. Y. await Lord Cornbury's arrival—Mr. Vesey, the Minister, is now in Jersey, &c. Copy. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol. 6. K. 44. 3 folios.

May 7. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Nottingham (Sec. of St.) to all the Govr's in America for proclaiming War with France and Spain. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 36, p. 153. 3 folios.

May 14. St. James'. Order of Council, referring to the Board of Trade the Petition of Peter Sonmans and Wm. Dockwra for themselves, and on behalf of other Proprietors of E. & W. N. Jersey, against the appointment of Col. Hamilton as Gov'r of that Province —desiring the Board to examine the s'd allegations, and to report their opinion thereupon. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 6. I. 36. 8 folios, with Enclosure.

[For notice of Peter Sonmans, see Contributions to East Jersey History, p. 76.]

May 14. St. James'. Order of Council, referring to the Consideration of the Board of Trade the Petition of 54 of the Proprietors of New Jersey in favor of Col. Hamilton being appointed Gov'r of that Province. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol. 6. I. 37. 6 folios, with Enclosure.

May 28. Messrs. Sonmans and Dockwra to the Board of Trade —desire that the expression "are ready to surrender" contained in their Petition to the Queen, and referred to the Board 14 May, be erased, and the words "have already surrendered" be substituted. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol. 6. I. 36. 3 folios.

May 28. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to Sir Thos. Lane, Kn't.— By order of the Board of Trade several papers of Mr. Dockwra and Sonmans against Col. Hamilton are transmitted to him—Col. Quary, Mr. Randolph, Mr. Basse, and Mr. Barkstead are summoned to attend the Board on Wednesday next, and if he desire summons for any other person to attend at the same time, they shall be sent to him. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 28, p. 10. 2 folios.

May 28. Memorial of (Mr. Dockwra and Mr. Sonmans) to the Board of Trade, containing objections against Col. Hamilton—he is a Quaker, and at present Dep'ty Gov'r of Pennsylvania—his Arbitrary and unjust practices—Protecting Pirates—Converting public money to his own use—Encouraging Illegal Trade—Exercising Government without the Royal approbation, &c. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol. 6. I. 38. Original. 6 folios.

June 1. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Earl of Nottingham, enclosing a Draft of a letter for the Queen's signature, in favor of Colonel Morris to govern New Jersey until further orders. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 28, p. 13. 4 folios.

June 3. Reply of the Proprietors of East and W. New Jersey to the articles Exhibited by Mr. Dockwra and Wm. Sonmans, against Col. Hamilton. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 6. I. 44. Original. 12 folios.

June 8. Original Surrender of the Right of Government of E. and W. Jersey to the Queen, signed by 58 Proprietors, dated 15 April, 1702—delivered June 8. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 1. 35 folios.

[Same as 1702. April 15.]

June 17. Col. Quary, Collector of Customs in Pennsylvania and Jersey, to the Board of Trade—the Inhabitants of the Jerseys have been always divided into two factions—the Quakers and not Quakers—Col. Hamilton formerly was against Quakers, but afterwards joined and became their (the Quakers') Leader for the last four years—an Indifferent and Prudent Gov'r can only secure the Peace of the Country—Col. Hamilton is a man of good sense; but, considering the state of the Province, he is unfit for a Gov'r—for his adherence to the Quaker party Mr. Penn made him Dept'y Gov'r of Penn'a—since this appointment as D. Gov'r of Penn'a he opposed the Admiralty jurisdiction. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Propr. Vol. 6. K. 6. 5 folios.

June 18. Mr. Randolph, Surveyor Gen'l of the North American Colonies to the Board of Trade—an account of Col. Hamilton's opposing a seizure of an Illegal Trader in the year 1697, when he was Gov'r of W. New Jersey. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 6. K. 7. 3 folios.

June 23. Philadelphia. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade —the Queen was proclaimed on the 18th of June at New York; on the 22d at Burlington, in New Jersey—Lord Cornbury could not go to Amboy to proclaim the Queen on account of the Floods, but he will repair thither as soon as possible—he came to see Philadelphia, but is going back in the evening to Burlington. Original. S. P. O, B. T.; New York. Vol. 13. T. 6. 6 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 960. For Cornbury's Commission and Instructions as Governor of New Jersey, see Smith's New Jersey, p. 220, *et infra*. Smith says, p. 275, that he did not arrive until August, 1703; but he arrived at New York on May 3, 1702. His Commission and Instructions were prepared in August of that year, but did not receive Queen Anne's signature until (the Commission) December 5th, and (the Instructions) November 16th. They did not reach him until the Summer of 1703; and the date given by Smith is that of his first visit to the Province as its Governor. See Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 1070, where the Governor informs the Board of Trade he had started for New Jersey on the 10th August, 1703.]

June 25. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Queen—examined the several Petitions for and against Col. Hamilton being appointed Gov'r of N. Jersey, and came to a conclusion to recommend to the Queen to appoint a Person totally unconcerned in the transactions and disorders committed by the Proprietors and Inhabitants of that Province. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Proprieties. Vol. 28, p. 62. 8 folios.

July 25. Cockpit. Earl of Nottingham, principal Secr. of State to the Board of Trade—the Queen appointed Lord Cornbury Gov'r of N. Jersey, and commands that his Commission and Instructions be prepared for her signature. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 2. 2 folios.

[July 29. [R] Deed from the Indians to Edward Earle, junr., for

a tract of land in West Jersey, on the Rockawack and Mochwhiponing Rivers. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.

One of the documents transmitted to his Council by Governor Belcher, Nov. 19th, 1747.]

August 3. List of persons proposed to be of the Council of New Jersey, with observations upon their qualities, &c., communicated to the Board of Trade from the Earl of Nottingham, 12 August, 1702. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 4. 4 folios.

August 4. Whitehall. Earl of Nottingham (Sec. of State) to the Board of Trade—sends a List of names for the Council of New Jersey—if the B. T. has no objection against any of them their names may be inserted in the Instructions to Lord Cornbury. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 3. 2 folios.

August 12. Whitehall. Earl of Nottingham (Sec. of State.) Mr. Basse and Mr. [Daniel] Coxe have been recommended to the Queen to be put on the List of Members of the Council of N. Y. and N. Jersey—their names to be inserted in the Instructions. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New York. Vol. 13. T. 5. 1 folio.

[For notice of Daniel Coxe and his father, see Field's Provincial Courts, p. 132; Smith's New Jersey, p. 190, &c.; and see answer from the Lords of Trade, dated Sept. 3, 1702.]

August 18. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Queen—draft of a Commission for Lord Cornbury to be Gov'r of New Jersey is transmitted for Her Majesty's approval. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 12, p. 22. 60 folios.

See 1720. Aug. 24. Order of Council.

August 21. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Queen—draft of Instructions for Lord Cornbury as Gov'r of New Jersey, submitted for Her Majesty's approbation. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 12, p. 42. 150 folios.

See 1702. Aug. 24. Order of Council.

August 24. Windsor. Order of Council—the Draft of a Commission for Lord Cornbury as Gov'r of N. Jersey approved—Earl of Nottingham (Sec. of State) is ordered to prepare a Warrant for the Great Seal of England. Copy. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 7. 2 folios.

See 1702. Aug. 18. Representation.

August 24. Windsor. Order of Council—the Queen approved the Instructions for Lord Cornbury, Gov'r of N. Jersey—the Earl of Nottingham (Sec. of State) is ordered to prepare the said Instructions for Her Majesty's signature. Copy. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 8. 2 folios.

See 1702. Aug. 21. B. T. to the Queen.

[Instructions printed in Smith's New Jersey, p. 230.]

Sept. 1. Letter from the Earl of Clarendon to (the Secr. of State)—Thanks for the list of the Council of New Jersey—Col. Basse gave his remarks upon six of them—wants to know whether it is fit to put Quakers into the Council when there are other Men—Mr. Basse is desirous to have an alteration in his Commission as Secr. of the Province of N. Jersey—Col. Basse will answer the questions that may be put on that subject. Original. S. P. O.; Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 385. Original. 3 folios.

Sept. 1. List of six Persons of the Council of New Jersey, with remarks of Col. Basse upon each of them, and recommending six others in their places. S. P. O.; Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 385. Original. 2 folios. Enclosed in above.

Sept. 3. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Earl of Nottingham, in answer to his of the 12th of August, about putting Mr. Basse and Mr. Coxe into the Councils of New York and New Jersey—the Province of N. Y. is not yet settled—Mr. Basse and Mr. Coxe have no estates there, consequently cannot sit in the Council—the Instructions for the Gov'r of New Jersey contain 12 names agreed upon by the Proprietors at the surrender—the Board does not advise to make any alterations therein. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; New York. Vol. 56, p. 205. 5 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 965.]

Sept. 24. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Lord Cornbury—the Queen appointed him Gov'r of New Jersey—His Lordship is recommended to heal the divisions in New York and New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; New York. Vol. 56, p. 209.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 966.]

Sept. 29. New Jersey. Mr. Morris to the Board of Trade—New Jersey without Government, and a receptacle of Rogues and Runaway Soldiers—the disorders at N. Y., Jerseys, Pen'a, Car's, &c., "are derived from New England"—the Respectable part of the Inhabitants are daily insulted by "crowds of the most necessitous scoundrels." Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 10. 6 folios.

Nov. 11. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to all the Govr's in America—that a day of public thanksgiving be appointed for the successes of Her Majesty's arms by Land and Sea. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 36, p. 188. 2 folios.

Nov. 26. St. James'. Copy of Major Ingoldsby's Commission to be Lieut. Gov'r of New York and the Territories depending. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 11. 4 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 1002. Richard Ingoldesby arrived in New York in January, 1691, in the possession of some authority, under which he claimed the Government from Leizler. On the death of Governor Slonghter, July 23, 1691, he was declared (then styled Major) Commander-in-Chief, and as such, in 1692, commanded an expedition into the Seneca country, to resist a

threatened irruption into the Province by the French, under the Governor of Canada; and in June of that year formed a treaty with the Indians at Albany. He was superseded on the arrival of Governor Fletcher, in August, 1692, and seems to have returned to England. On the appointment of Lord Cornbury, he was made Lieut.-Governor, and arrived in Virginia in January, 1704, but in consequence of sickness did not get to New York until March. Although a strenuous supporter of Cornbury's administration, he at one time incurred his displeasure by opening despatches in his absence, and presuming to *act* as Governor in New York when his principal was in New Jersey. He continued Lieut. Governor under Lord Lovelace, and the Government devolved upon him at the death of that nobleman in July, 1709. On the arrival of his successor, Ingoldesby disappeared, from the stage, and his subsequent career is unknown. Smith, the Historian of New York, styles him "a heavy man," "of no great ability," and probably what influence he exercised in the Provinces of New York and New Jersey, grew out of his official station entirely, strengthened possibly by the favor his views of the prerogatives of the Crown secured him from those in authority at home. Smith's N. Y., pp. 105, 140, 170. N. Y. Col. Docts., III., pp. 791, 840; IV., pp. 1000, 1091, 1162, &c.]

[Dec. 21. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—had received information that Col. Andrew Hamilton had lately "held a meeting or assembly in East Jersey, which he calls the Governor of East and West New Jersey assembled in Council"—among other things done, he had assigned a tract of land to Lewis Morris, in consideration of his services when in England—and Morris' Quit Rents due to the Proprietors had been remitted.

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 1021. The Governor's apprehensions excited probably by a meeting of the Council of Proprietors.]

1703.

March 23. [R.] Deed from the "Commander-in-Chief of all the Indians inhabiting what the English call the North part of the Jerseys," for the consideration of 400 pounds wampum value, conveying to Andros Lawrence, Johannes Vangieson, Michael Aliason, and Abraham Vangieson and their associates a tract of land on the East side of Passaic River, and behind the mountains called the Blue Hills. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.

One of the papers transmitted to his Council by Governor Belcher, Nov. 19th, 1747.]

April 20. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Lord Cornbury (Circular)—justice in all the Courts to be speedily and duly administered, and that the Judges do their duty without any partiality—the Assembly be recommended to establish Courts for determining of small cases—to transmit home by every conveyance an exact account of the Causes already dispatched and still pending. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Plant'n Gen'l. V. 36, p. 24. 6 folios.

April 20. St. James'. Draft of a Letter for the Queen's signature to the Gov'r and Council of N. Jersey—the Assembly at their first meeting is to settle a constant and fixed allowance for the Gov'r, L't Gov'r, and Council—neither Gov'r or Council to receive any presents from the Assembly. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 12, p. 130. Entry. 5 folios.

[See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 1040, for a letter of somewhat similar purport for the Province of New York.]

[May 6. Deed from the Indians to John Harrison for tract of land in the Counties of Middlesex and Somerset, "beginning where Login Brook falls into Milston River; from thence, up the said Milston River, until it comes to a small brook about twenty chains above Doctor Greenland's House, to a birch tree marked on four sides, standing at the mouth of the said brook, it being known by the name of Heathcoat's brook, and running from thence East South East, until it comes to the road that goes or leads from Burlington to John Inian's house, upon Raritan River, then along the said road, &c." Original. Whitehead MSS.]

May 21. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Lord Cornbury—to use his utmost endeavours with the Council and Assembly of New Jersey to induce them to raise and remit £500 to New York as their Quota for the security of that Province. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 12, p. 132. 4 folios.

[May 29. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—had received several Proclamations directing a public day of Thanksgiving for the success of Her Majesty's arms, with directions to have the same observed in New York and New Jersey—appointed 15th April to be observed in New York, but had not felt warranted to do more than recommend the observance of the day in New Jersey, as his Commission had not yet arrived, "doubtful whether that people, (who are prone enough to throw off all Government,) would obey such a Proclamation"—the delay in receiving the Commission "a great mischief" to the Province.

Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 1044.]

[June 16. New York. Letter from Robert Quary to the Lords of Trade, giving an account of the different Provinces—the Jerseys in confusion from having no Government—the arrival of Lord Cornbury's Commission heartily wished for—the contest in West Jersey always between the Quakers and those who were not Quakers—in East Jersey between the Scotch and the English—the Scotch for many years had had the advantage of having a Scotch Governor, Col. Hamilton—Col. Hamilton had died April 26th.

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV., pp. 1045--1055.]

Sept. 9. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—published his Commission in New Jersey—called a Council—the Quakers would not swear—they were, however, admitted to sit at the Board—Quakers not numerous—he has made several of them Justices of the Peace—they don't like Militia—he has settled the Courts of Justice—called an Assembly—no Fortifications in the Province—the People are dissatisfied with the limitation of the Elective Franchise. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 15. 26 folios.

[See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 1070.]

Oct. 15. Virginia. Col. Quary to the Board of Trade—the State of Virginia—proceedings in Pennsylvania—proposal for the security of Trade in America—Pirates in Pennsylvania—the Eastern Indians and French attack N. England—proposals about Canada—a gunpowder explosion in Jamaica—Col. Quary is obliged to hasten to Amboy, in N. Jersey, for the meeting of the 1st Assembly—the Gov'r of N. Jersey "is but very indifferently yoked with a Council" —Col. Quary desires that he may succeed Mr. Randolph as Surveyor Gen'l of N. America—Minutes of Council of New Jersey transmitted —the French and Spaniards have taken Providence Islands. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 7. F. 37. 50 folios.

[Cornbury's Council was composed of Edward Hunloke, Lewis Morris, Andrew Bowne, Samuel Jennings, Thomas Revell, Francis Davenport, William Pinhorne, Samuel Leonard, George Deacon, Samuel Walker, Daniel Leeds, William Sandford, and Robert Quary—some of whom proved refractory in the "yokes" the Governor would have had them wear.]

[Nov. 17. Richard Ingoldesby, Lieut.-Gov'r of New Jersey, to John Rudyard—authority to purchase land in West Jersey from the Indians. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Dec. 18. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Lords of Trade—had just returned from New Jersey—the Assembly had been in session four weeks and some days—the season so severe he had been obliged to adjourn them till May, then to meet at Burlington—promises a fuller account. See June 14, 1704.

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 1075. See Smith's N. Jersey, p. 276, &c., for an account of the session.]

Dec. 20. Amboy. Col. Quary to the Board of Trade—the Scotch in the Eastern Division of N. Jersey carry things there with "a high hand"—the people are against them—a Scotchman made High Sheriff—has made a false return in favor of his party—the Quakers are predominant in the Western Division—their insinuations—the Petitions about the false returns the Assembly refused to hear—the matter referred to him, and an accommodation proposed—the Gov'r permits Quakers to sit in the Council—major part of the Assembly are Proprietors—Lord Cornbury (the Gov'r) rejects two Bills of the Assembly. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 17. 32 folios.

[For names of the Assembly, see "Proceedings of the Society," Vol. V., p. 24.]

1704.

—— Reasons humbly offered to Secretary the Earl of Nottingham by Peter Sonmans, against passing the Bill formerly ordered by Her Majesty, whereby the office of Secretary of New Jersey is granted to Jeremiah Basse. Original. S. P. O.; Am. & W. Ind. New Jersey. (Bundle.) 18 folios.

[For notice of Peter Sonmans, see Contributions to E. Jersey History, p. 75.]

—— The case of Jeremiah Basse presented to Secretary the

Earl of Nottingham—that he was constituted Secretary of New Jersey by warrant from Her Majesty, but through the underhand conduct of Peter Sonmans, (who is considerably indebted to him,) is prevented from enjoying the said Post. S. P. O.; Am. & W. Ind. New Jersey. (Bundle.) Original. 6 folios.

[See "East Jersey under the Proprietors," and Field's "Provincial Courts" for notices of Jeremiah Basse.]

1703--4.

Jan. 14. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade —the Assembly of New Jersey met—an account of their proceedings—proposes an alteration to be made in the Qualifications of persons choosing and to be chosen for the Assembly—their Enclosed Bill for settling the Estates of all the Proprietors, &c., is not fit to be passed—the Assembly are bent not to settle the Revenue or Militia until this Bill is passed—he adjourned them to 18th May, 1704. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol 1. B. 1. 25 folios, without the Bill. The Enclosed Bill is not with the Correspondence.

[Its tenor is not known; it is not mentioned in Nievill's Index of disallowed acts, but it *was* disallowed by the Board of Trade. See 1705, April 20th.]

Jan. 27. Memorial to the Board of Trade, signed by Sir Tho's Lane and nine other Proprietors of New Jersey, objecting to Mr. Peter Sonmans and Mr. Daniel Coxe to be of the Council there—Mr. Sonmans became a bankrupt in [1700]—compounded for 7s. 6d. in the pounds—his Estate is claimed by his Relatives and the Creditors—the Title to his lands is doubtful, his Father dying an Alien—Mr. Daniel Coxe has no real property in New Jersey—he encouraged a faction of the meaner people to oppose the Election Law. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 12. 11 folios.

[See "Contributions to the Early History of Perth Amboy and adjoining Country," p. 73, for a notice of the Sonmans Family.]

January 27. Mr. Dockwra to the Board of Trade—vindicates his character against the slanders and accusations of other Proprietors—(nearly the whole of this Letter is composed of bitter invectives against his opponents.) Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 13. 10 folios.

[William Dockwra was Register of the Proprietors. See Contributions to East Jersey History, &c., p. 14, &c.]

Feb. 14. Mr. Daniel Coxe to the Board of Trade, in answer to Sir Tho's Lane and other Proprietors' Memorial of 1703–4, January 27—he is in controversy with the Proprietors about the lands of his Father in New Jersey, which the Proprietors withhold unjustly from him—if he were a factious Man, Lord Cornbury could not have intrusted him with the charge and command of all the Forces in the Western Division of New Jersey—if he is to be excluded from the Council, the name of Mr. Lewis Morris ought to be expunged also.

Original. S. P. O., B. T.; N. Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 13. 24 folios.
[See Field's "Provincial Courts," p. 134.]

Feb. 14. Mr. Sonmans to the Board of Trade, in answer to the accusations contained in the Proprietors' Memorial to the Board of Jan. 27th, 1703–4—great losses during the late war obliged him to compound with his Creditors about 4 years ago—he is possessed of 7¼ Proprieties—his Brother-in-law set forth his pretensions to one-third of his Estate, but the Master of the Rolls and the Lord Keeper dismissed the Bill with costs—leaves to the Board to decide whether he is worthy to be one of the Council or not. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 13. 9 folios.

1704.

April 6. Memorial of Dominique, Bridges & Michel, Prop'rs of New Jersey [East Jersey] to the Board—that a stop be put to the proceedings of some of the Proprietors in purchasing Lands of the Indians—Townly, Foster, Bickly, and Johnston are recommended to fill up the vacancies in the Council. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 16. 2 folios.

[May 30. Virginia. Robert Quary to the Board of Trade—Lord Cornbury intending to visit Albany so soon as the New York Assembly should rise—had adjourned the New Jersey Assembly from May 20th to June 20th, to meet at Burlington—the difficulties to be expected in getting from the Jerseys their quota of men for the frontier.

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV., pp. 1084, 1085.]

[June 14. New York. (Extracts.) Lord Cornbury to the Lords of Trade—the meeting of the New Jersey Assembly for the first time 10th Oct. previous—suggestions relative to a change in the qualifications of members—the Bill regulating purchases of land from the Indians, &c., noticed at length—the opposition of the Elizabethtown people growing out of their grant from Col. Nichols—"Col. Nichols coming into these parts found ye people of New York refractory and not inclinable to submit to him, but found ye people of Elizabethtown ready to obey his orders in all things, by which means ye people of New York became tractable and did submit. Col. Nichols thought himself obliged to doe something for ye people of Elizabethtown y^t might be as a reward for their fidelity upon y^t consideration granted them ye lands they now hold. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS. Alexander West Jersey Papers, p. 144.]

June 29. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in N. America, enclosing Her Majesty's Proclamation for settling and ascertaining the Rates of Foreign Coins in the Plantations. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 36, p. 467. 6 folios.

[See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 1133, for the views of the New York Mer-

chants in relation to this Proclamation. For the Proclamation itself, see Smith's New Jersey, p. 281.]

June 29. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to all the Gov'rs in North America—all Merchants and Planters be very careful in giving any account by letters of the Public state and condition of the Provinces. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 36, p. 470. 4 folios.

July 4. New York. Letter from Mr. Roger Mompesson, Judge of the Admiralty in N. Y. and N. J., to the Earl of Nottingham, Secr. of State—there are no causes of complaints to be made by the Gov't at home about the abuses in the Courts of Admiralty in those Provinces—the abuses are committed in the Proprietary Gov'ts, such as Rhode Island, Connecticut, and even Massachusetts—Lord Cornbury has found out some Pirates' goods in New Jersey, but most of them are to be found in Rhode Island. S. P. O.; Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 6. Original. 13 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 1115. For the character and services of Judge Mompesson, see Field's "Provincial Courts," p. 57.]

July 6. St. James'. Order of Council to the Board of Trade upon the Petition of Sonmans and Dockwra, about the possession of Staten Island, claimed by the Gov'r of New York—to examine the matter, and to Report to the Council thereupon. Original, with Copy of the Petition. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. A. 18. 8 folios.

[Staten Island was claimed for New Jersey by Governor Carteret in 1681, (see "Grants & Concessions," p. 687,) in compliance with directions of Lady Carteret to Secretary Bollen, March 2, 1681, (see E. J. Records A, p. 2.) Gov. Dongan, Feb. 13th, 1684–5, claimed that Gov. Lovelace had purchased the island from the Indians. See E. Jersey under the Prop'rs, p. 215, and Proceedings of Society, Vol. III.]

July 7. Additional Instruction to the Lord Cornbury relating to the number of seamen allowed by an Act of Parl't, passed the last session, for navigating of English ships during the war—with a Copy of a Clause of the said Act. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 12, p. 164. 9 folios.

July 13. Names of Commiss'rs for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut, for the Trial of Pirates and Piratical causes, to be inserted in the respective Commissions. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 36, p. 497. 7 folios.

August 25. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Gov'rs in America, to appoint a day of Thanksgiving for the success of Her Majesty's arms near the Danube. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 37, p. 34. 2 folios.

Nov. 4. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—the Assembly of N. Jersey met the 1st of September—neglected to settle a Revenue, upon which he dissolved them and issued new writs—Quakers are troublesome in West Jersey—they ought not to

be admitted into any of the employments without taking of oaths—the People don't like the qualifications prescribed for Assembly Men—recommends a remedy for it. Original. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. B. 5. 5 folios.

[See Smith's New Jersey, p. 283.]

1704--5.

Feb. 19. New York. Letter of Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—The Assembly met on the 9th of Nov. [? 13th]—Sends several Acts for confirmation, i. e. An Act for raising a Revenue for two years—An Act for quieting the minds of the People—An Act for altering the Constitution—An Act for settling the Militia—An Act for regulating Commons and Highways—An Act for the suppressing of immorality—An Act for Reviving the Courts of Bergen, Mdd'x and Monmouth—An Act for Regulating Negro Slaves—Remarks upon the above Acts and Reasons for confirming them—Intrigues of Mr. Morris—his conduct to the Gov'r—he is suspended from sitting in the Council—Dr. Ennis of the Church of England intercedes for Mr. Morris, who offers an apology to the Gov'r and is restored to the Council—Mr. Morris opposes the passing of the Revenue Act—his behaviour towards the Gov'r—suspended from the Council for the second time—Lord Cornbury hopes that the Queen will dismiss Mr. Morris from the Council, he being devoted to the Proprietors, and not the Crown's interest—The substance of controversy between the Gov'r and Mr. Morris—Col. Townley and Mr. D. Coxe recommended to be of the Council in place of Mr. E. Hunlock and Mr. S. Leonard, dec'd—Mr. Walker of the Council is also dead—Mr. R. Mompesson is recommended in his stead—who is also appointed to be chief Justice of the Province—a Statute Book is much wanted—Great Seal for New Jersey is wanted—Two murders committed by women—Wants instructions as regards the fines, forfeitures, &c., and the appointment of a Ranger of Woods, which are full of Wild Horses—Lord Cornbury's visit to Salem, which is capable of being made a good place for Trade—The Privilege granted to Proprietors of buying Indian Lands is very prejudicial to a speedy settlement of the Province; a remedy for it is proposed. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, B. 13. Original. 60 folios.

March 14. Petition of Sir Thos. Lane and nine other Prop'rs of W. Jersey to the Board—Lord Cornbury having acted contrary to his Instructions, they pray that a copy of the s'd Instruct'ns may be given them. Orig'l. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, B. 8. 2 folios.

1705.

April 3. Whitehall. Draft of a Circular letter to the Governors in America—an Act of Parliament for encouraging the Importation of Naval Stores from the Plantations, transmitted—To communicate the said Act to the Council and Assembly, and to pro-

mote and advance so useful an undertaking. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l, Vol. 37, p. 88. 5 folios.

April 5. Memorial of Coxe, Dockwra and Sonmans to the Board of Trade—The Report about Quakers in West Jersey given by Lord Cornbury in his letter of Nov. 4, 1704, is reasonable and well-grounded—The Quakers ought to be excluded from the Council, Assembly, and all other places of public trust in the Province—The Instructions to Lord Cornbury, as regards the qualifications for Assembly Men ought to be amended.—The vacancies in the Council of Jersey should not be filled by Quakers. Orig'l. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, B. 9. 8 folios.

April 17. Memorial of the Proprietors of West Jersey to the Board—Lord Cornbury committed a breach of his Instructions in several Instances, viz: by confirming the Election of Members not duly qualified for the Assembly—encouraging and passing an Act of Assembly for altering the Qualifications of the Electors and Elected—Encouraging and passing a Bill for taxing all lands—Appointed Fees (contrary to the advice of his Council) for Patenting Lands—Lord Cornbury detains all public books, papers and records—Constituted several officers without the advice of his Council—put several mean and contemptible persons into the Commission of Peace and Militia. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, B. 10. Original. 20 folios.

[Printed in Smith's New Jersey, p. 336.]

April 20. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Queen with Draft of Additional Instructions to Lord Cornbury—Qualifications of the Electors and Elected to be in land or money—The Gov'r or his Lieut't to reside constantly in the Province—No Fees to be taken for the Grants of Lands made by the Proprietors. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 12, p. 190. 14 folios.

April 20. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Lord Cornbury—His suggestion about the method of choosing Assembly Men is adopted—The Bill to settle and confirm the Estates of the Proprietors cannot be passed—To move the next Assembly to settle the Revenue for 21 and not less than 11 years—Amount of Salaries to the Gov'r and L't Gov'r—The Taxes to be levied in due proportion upon lands and upon personal Estates—Not to intermeddle in the Elections—The officers of public trust are to be chosen out of the Men of competent Estate and Capacity for that service. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 12, p. 197. 8 folios.

April 23. St. James'. Order of Council approving the Draft of Additional Instructions for the Lord Cornbury, transmitted from the Board of Trade on the 20 of April Instant. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, B. 11. 2 folios.

See 1705, April 20. Board of Trade to the Queen.

[For these additional Instructions see Smith's New Jersey, p. 235.]

May 3. Draft of a Warrant for allowing and directing the use of a New Seal for the Province of New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 12, p. 195. 3 folios.

May 8. Memorial of the Committee of Proprietors of East Jersey to the Board of Trade, objecting to Mr. Sonmans being one of the Council of N. Jersey. Orig'l. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, B. 12. 6 folios.

May 8. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Lord Cornbury, enclosing an Additional Instruction, New Seal for New Jersey, and a Warrant for using the same. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 12, p. 203. 2 folios.

July 5. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Mr. Lowndes—To move the Lord Treasurer to provide half a dozen Collections of the Statutes of England, for New York, New Jersey and other Colonies. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York, Vol. 57, p. 321. 2 folios.

July 6. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Mr. P. Dominique—Extract of a Letter from the Lord Cornbury of 19 Feb., 1704–5, relating to the Purchasing of Lands from the Indians is sent to him—The Board of Trade desire his answer thereto. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 12, p. 227. 1 folio.

July 6. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Sir Edw. Northey, Attorney General—The Board desires his opinion whether the Fines, Forfeitures and Escheats in New Jersey belong to the Queen or to the Proprietors of the soil; and whether the appointing of Rangers be in Her Majesty or the said Proprietors. Orig'l. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, B. 16. 2 folios.

See 1705, Oct. 19. Sir E. Northey to the Board of Trade.

July 8. New York. Letter of Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—Proceedings of the New York Assembly—Pirates infest the Coasts;—a Man of War is wanted;—desires a supply of Stores—a Statute Book and a New Great Seal are wanted;—New Jersey Assembly met, but the Members of the Western division did not arrive, who are (except one) all Quakers—The Assembly is adjourned—Desires the Board's directions upon his 22 Art. of Instr. for settling a Public Revenue—The Revenue for one year is raised, and the Tax is not heavy. S. P. O., B. T. New York, Vol. 14, X. 48. Original. 25 folios.

[For the names of the members of the Assembly see Proceedings of the Society, Vol. V. p. 24.]

[July 15. New York. Cornbury to the Board of Trade—Sends his despatch by Col. Quary—General account of the affairs of the Provinces of New York and New Jersey.

Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. IV. p. 1150–1154.]

July 17. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Mr. Dominique—Desires

to have a speedy answer to his letter of the 6th Instant. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 12, p. 229. 1 folio.

July 28. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Lord Cornbury—His letter about the New Jersey affairs received—Several of the Proprietors made an objection to the Acts passed by him, and the whole affair is under consideration—He is to appoint a day of thanksgiving for the Victory obtained in the Spanish Netherlands—[Blenheim] He is desired to break the old Seals and to transmit his receipt for the New ones. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York, Vol. 57, p. 336. 5 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. IV. p. 1157.]

Sept. 1. Memorial of the Proprietors of the Western Division of New Jersey to the Board of Trade, signed by Sir Thos. Lane and 18 other Proprietors—Lord Cornbury does not act in conformity with his Instructions as regards the Election of the Assembly Men, encouraged Taxing all Lands belonging to the Inhabitants of New Jersey; appointed Fees for Patenting Lands; all public Books, Papers, &c., were ordered to be delivered to Mr. Basse and carried out of the Province; constituted several officers without the advice of Council; put several "mean and contemptible" persons in the Commission of Peace, particularly one Salter; gave Commissions in the Militia to People who have no Estate in the Province—Pray that the Act of the Assembly prohibiting to purchase Lands from the Indians be not confirmed;—Desire that Mr. Morris may be restored to his place in the Council;—that the vacancies occasioned by the decease of three of the Council may be filled by some of the following persons, viz: Mr. Miles Foster, Mr. Richard Townley, Mr. Hugh Hoody, [Huddy?] Mr. Wm. Hall, and Mr. John Harrison. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey, Vol. 1, B. 17. Orig'l. 45 folios.

Oct. 19. Sir Edw. Northey (the Att. Gen'l) to the Board of Trade in answer to Mr. Popple's Letter of 6 July, 1705—The Fines, Forfeitures and Escheats belong to the Queen and not to the Proprietors—The appointment of Rangers belongs to the Proprietors of the Woods and not to the Queen. Orig'l. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, B. 16. 3 folios.

Oct. 29. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in America, recommending them to encourage and to assist Mr. Dummer in his undertaking to carry on a Monthly Correspondence between England and the Plantations. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l, Vol. 37, p. 112. 2 folios.

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Observations made by the Board of Trade upon the Memorial of the Prop'rs of the Western Div. of N. Jersey of Sept. 1, 1705.—Care will be taken to regulate the Election of the Assembly Men—The Gov'r of N. Jersey was ordered not to meddle with appointing Fees for Patenting the Lands—The Gov'r will be directed not to carry the Records out of the Province—The

Gov'r has a right to appoint Officers without the advice of the Council—The Board shall write to Lord Cornbury about Mr. Salter being appointed Justice of the Peace—No alteration has been made in the Instructions relating to the purchase of Lands—The Acts passed by the Assembly shall be considered—Mr. Morris must make a due submission to the Gov'r before his suspension be taken off. Rough draft. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, B. 18. 6 folios.

[Nov. 10 (20th ?) Burlington. Lieut. Gov'r Ingoldesby to the Lords of Trade—Had not been allowed to act as Lieut. Gov'r of Lord Cornbury—had not yet received any instructions as to his precise duties—In the absence of Lord Cornbury from New York had received a despatch from the frontiers which, after conversing and advising with the Council he had opened, had it translated, and a copy transmitted to the Governor then in New Jersey, who thereupon ordered him to Burlington, there to reside—but the Gov'r had told him he was not to act at all—wishes instructions to be sent to him.

Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. IV. p. 1162, and see page 1164 same volume.]

Nov. 21. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Mr. Dominique—Extract of Lord Cornbury's Letter of 19th Feb., 1704–5, about Mr. Morris, is sent to him—The Board desire to speak to him. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 12, p. 252. 1 folio.

Nov. 21. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Queen, recommending Col. Townley, Mr. Coxe and Mr. Mompesson to be of the Council of New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 12, p. 253. 2 folios.

[Col. (Richard) Townley was a prominent citizen of Elizabethtown. It was at his house that the first missionaries from the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel" held religious services.—*Keith's Journal. Clark's Hist. St. John's Church, Eliz'n.* Contributions to East Jersey History, p. 213, *note.*]

[Nov. 22. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—Had gone to Amboy to meet the Assembly of New Jersey on the 15th Oct.—The Quaker members did not arrive to allow the House to sit until the 17th—Resolved on the 18th that no business should be transacted until the House was full—The circumstances detailed upon which he bases his opinion that "it was not a full House of Members that they wanted, but a full House of Quakers"—Adjourned the Assembly to the 1st May at Burlington.

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV. p. 1170. See Smith's N. Jersey, p. 284.]

Nov. 26. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Mr. Dominique—The Board reminds him of answering the letter of Nov. 21, with reference to Mr. Morris. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 12, p. 254. 1 folio.

Nov. 26. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Mr. Dominique—Copy of the Board's observations made Nov. 14 upon the Memorial of the Propr's of the Western Division of N. Jersey, transmitted to him

for their information. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 12, p. 254. 1 folio.

Nov. 27. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade —The Additional Instructions received—The difficulty of ascertaining the qualifications of the Inhabitants of the Western Division for the Assembly as they hold their Lands in Common—He will endeavour to obtain the settling of the Revenue for 21 and not less than 11 years—The sums necessary for Salaries of Officers—The Elections will not be meddled with—The Gov'r will engage in no party, but will act equally to all—The Gov'r did not appoint a Justice of the Peace, or a Militia Officer, without their being recommended by one of the Council—Mr. Morris recommended a very improper person, whom the Gov'r afterwards dismissed for drunkenness—On the 13th of Oct. last he went to Amboy to meet the Assembly, but it was on the 17th of Oct. that the house sat—no business was done the house not being "full"—the meaning of the word "full"—[see Nov. 22]—Proceedings of the Assembly—their adjournment—Speaker's reasons for it—No public service can be done so long as the Quakers are chosen to sit in the Assembly—They presented an Address, a copy of which is sent—also the Minutes of Assembly. Orig'l, S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey, Vol. 1, C. 1. 20 folios.

The above-named Address is not with the Correspondence.

Nov. 29. St. James'. Copies of three Orders of Council approving Col. Townley, Mr. Coxe and Mr. Mompesson to be of the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, B. 20. 6 folios.

1705--6.

Feb. 4. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Gov'r of New Jersey—The Queen appointed Mr. John Bridges Surveyor General of Woods in America, and to Instruct the Inhabitants in the method of making Pitch and Tar—Mr. Bridges is to give an account of all his proceedings to the Gov'r of the Province—The Assembly to be moved to pass an Act for encouraging the undertaking—Mr. Bridges' travelling and other expenses to be provided for by the Gov'r. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l, Vol. 37, p. 117. 4 folios.

Feb. 4. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Lord Cornbury—Mr. Morris is recommended to be restored to the Council upon a due submission being made by him—The Surrender of N. Jersey was unconditional—the concessions were only made to the Proprietors in some points of Lord Cornbury's Instructions—Mr. Townley, Mr. Coxe and Mr. Mompesson are appointed to fill the vacancies in the Council of N. Jersey—Mr. Dockwra recommended Mr. Peter Sonmans for the next vacancy in the Council—the Board has no objection to it—A copy of the Att. Gen'l's report (see 19 Oct., 1705) is transmitted to Lord Cornbury, to guide his future conduct as re-

gards the Fines, Forfeitures, &c., and the appointing a Ranger of the Woods—The Acts passed in Nov. 1704 were considered; observations on the Militia Act, the Act for uniting and quieting the minds of the People, and the Act for regulating the Election of Representatives—amendments proposed—Complaints of the Propr's of the Western Division communicated to Lord Cornbury—No public papers to be carried out of the Province—To be careful whom the Gov'r shall put in the Commission of Peace or Militia—one Mr. Salter is objected to by the Proprietors—The Minutes of Council and Assembly for the time past and for the future to be transmitted —The want of Prisons in New Jersey to be laid before the Assembly—A new Seal for the Province was sent—Explanation of the 22d Clause of Lord Cornbury's Instructions, no Salary to be paid to the Council, only Paper, Ink, fire and other necessaries provided—the Clerks and other officers are to have Salaries. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 12, p. 259. 23 folios.

Feb. 14. London. Memorial of the Committee of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey (signed by Mr. Dockwra) to the Board of Trade—Before the Surrender of the Prop'rs insisted that their Agent in N. Jersey might always be of the Council —reasons for it—Mr. Peter Sonmans is appointed the Prop'rs Agent in New Jersey, and was recommended to be of the Council—Gov'r Cornbury was not aware of Mr. Sonmans' being the Proprietors' Agent, recommended another Person in the room of Capt. Walker, dec'd—The Gov'r and Council allowed Mr. Sonmans' Commission, but the Scotch faction opposed it—The Governor's conduct in this affair—The opposition appoint one [John] Barclay their Receiver General—the Governor's proclamation against the appointment, commanding the people to obey Mr. Sonmans—The Proprietors pray the dismissal of Mr. Morris from the Council, and recommend Mr. Sonmans in his place. Orig'l. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, C. 5. 12 folios.

[See "Contributions to E. Jersey History," p. 42, for a notice of John Barclay.]

Feb. 14. London. Memorial of Mr. Wm. Sloper (Agent to the Lord Cornbury) to the Board of Trade—Answers the charges preferred against Lord Cornbury by the Proprietors of the Western Division of New Jersey (see Sept. 1, 1705)—The Board is requested to defer giving any credit to the allegations until His Excell'y can have time to send them his own answer. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, C. 6. 35 folios.

1706.

April 5. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to Mr. Sloper, (Lord Cornbury's Agent.) The Board desires to be informed when and how the salary of £500 was settled to Lord Cornbury as Gov'r of New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. N. J., Vol 12, p. 279. 1 folio.

April 8. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade

to the Queen—The Commission of Col. Ingoldesby as L't Gov'r of New York to be revoked, and he is to be one of the Council of New Jersey. Entry, S. P. O., B. T. New York, Vol. 57, p. 447. 4 folios.

[The Revocation, printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV. p. 1174.]

April 11. Kensington. Order of Council upon a Representation from the Board of the 8th inst.—The Commission of Col. Ingoldesby as Lieut. Gov'r of New York to be revoked, and the said Col. Ingoldesby (Lieut. Gov'r of New Jersey) to be of the Council of New Jersey, [where he must reside.] Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York, Vol. 57, p. 452. 5 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV. p. 1174. See 1704, Nov. 20th.]

April 22. Whitehall. Mr. Hedges to the Board of Trade—sends draft of a Warrant in order to be prepared for Her Majesty's Signature, revoking Col. Ingoldesby's Commission as Lieut. Gov'r of New York, and appointing him of the Council of New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York, Vol. 57, p. 455. 2 folios.

April 24. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Mr. Hedges—with the Draft of a Warrant for Her Majesty's signature, revoking the Commission of Col. Ingoldesby as Lieut. Gov'r of New York, and for Constituting him a Member of Her Maj'ty's Council of New Jersey. Entry, S. P. O., B. T. New York, Vol. 57, p. 456. 6 folios.

May 1. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Lord Cornbury—For the Information about the Qualifications for the Assembly His Lordship is referred to the Board's letter of the 4th of Feb.—The Salaries of public officers in New Jersey need not be very high—The Board wants to know how, when, and by what Establishment the Salary of £500 p. annum was settled to Lord Cornbury as Gov'r of New Jersey—The Board is glad to hear that His Lordship does not intend to engage in any party—Col. Ingoldesby is to reside in N. Jersey and be of the Council. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 12, p. 282. 5 folios.

[May 16. New York. Letter from Lord Cornbury to the Inhabitants of Bergen, calling for stockades to place New York in a posture of defence to resist an anticipated attack from a French squadron. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Printed in the Society's "Proceedings," Vol. I., p, 124.]

May 31. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to all the Gov'rs in America—To appoint a day of Thanksgiving for success of Her Majesty's arms in Brabant. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l. Vol. 37, p. 122. 2 folios.

July 15. Mr. John Hamilton's Affidavit, (in substance the same as Mr. Ingoldesby's Affidavit of 1706, July 16th, with an additional fact that) Lord Cornbury was guilty of bribery—John Johnstone, John Harrison, George Willocks, Miles Foster, and "several others"

told the Deponent that they had given His Lord'p £200 to befriend them in some particular matters. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 26. 10 folios.

[See "Contributions to East Jersey History" for notices of the persons named.]

July 16. Mr. George Ingoldesby's Affidavit—Mr. Thomas Revell and Mr. Dan'l Leeds objected against Tho's Lambert, Tho's Gardner and Joshua Wright the Members returned to the Assembly in 1704, as not being qualified—Lord Cornbury's arbitrary proceedings therein—Several of the Members addressed His Lordship on the subject, but to no purpose—The Assembly appointed a day for hearing the case, but Revell and Leeds did not appear—Lord Cornbury gives his assent to several bills injurious to the Interest of the Inhabitants—His Lordship ordered Books, Records, &c., to be delivered to Jer. Basse, who carried them out of the Province of E. Jersey—Lord C. appointed William Fisher, burnt in the hand as a Criminal, to be Sheriff of Burlington—Rich'd Salter, under prosecution for Felony, to be Justice of Peace—and Thomas Killingworth, a scandalous person, to be Judge at Salem—Fisher's irregular proceedings at the General Elections—A Frenchman was appointed Receiver Gen'l—Lord Cornbury is squandering public money. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 25. 12 folios.

Sept. 10. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—Mr. Morris will be re-admitted to the Council upon his submission—Thanks for confirming the three gentlemen he recommended to the Council—Mr. Sonmans is a very fit person to serve in the Council—Messrs. Jennings, Revell, Davenport, Leeds, Capt. Andrew Bowne, Mr. Pinhorne, Sandford, Col. Quary, Col. Coxe, Col. Townley, and Mr. Mompesson, compose the Council, besides Mr. Morris—Mr. Revell, Mr. Davenport, and Capt. Bowne are dangerously ill—He sends a list of 12 persons fit to supply vacancies—Lord C. will conform himself to Mr. Att. Genl's opinion about Fees, &c.—Endeavours will be made to amend the Acts of 1704—Lord C.'s justification as regards the Elections of the last Assembly—The Records are deposited with the Secretary, and no Deeds were carried out of the Province—Mr. Salter was recommended to L. Cornbury by Capt. Andrew Bowne, who believes him to be calumniated—Lord Cornbury wants to be informed of any "scandalous" persons in Commission in the Militia—he knows of none.

P. S.—Reasons for not sending the above-mentioned List. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 8. 14 folios.

Oct. 16. New York. Lord Cornbury to Mr. Secr. Hedges, in answer to the complaints made against him by Capt. Bridge relating to the condemnation of the ship Pink Hope at the Admiralty Court in New Jersey on 7th April, 1703. Original. Enclosing, 1706, Oct. 16—certificate of Mr. John Tuder, Register of the Ad. Court in N. Jersey, together with other papers relating to the condemnation

and disposal of the Pink Hope. S. P. O. B., B. T. New Jersey Vol. 1. C. 9 & C. 10. 30 folios.

[See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V., p. 27, for Report of the Lords of Trade condemning Lord Cornbury's proceedings.]

[Nov. 5. Summons from Lord Cornbury to the Council of West Jersey Proprietors to appear before a meeting of Council at Burlington on 20th April, to show by what authority they pretended to act as a Council, and in the meanwhile to forbear granting any warrants for lands without license from the Governor, in conformity with the Act regulating purchases of land from the Indians, &c. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS. Alexander West Jersey Papers, p. 147.]

Nov. 8. Kensington. Draft of a Circular Letter for Her Majesty's signature to the Lord Cornbury and Gov'rs of New Hampshire, Mass'ts Bay, Maryl'd, V'a, Jam'a, L. Islands, and Bermuda, directing them not to pass any Acts of an extraordinary nature and importance without having first received Her Majesty's pleasure thereupon. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. N. Y. Vol. 57, p. 480. 7 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. IV., p. 1188.]

Nov. 18. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—The Assembly did not meet at Amboy in October—Several Members are ill—Mr. Jennings desires to be excused from serving any more in the Council—Mr. Sonmans is recommended to be admitted in his stead—The case of Joseph Ormston against Sonmans, founded upon Her Majesty's commands, to cause a Grant to be passed under the Seal of N. Jersey of the property of Arent Sonmans, an Alien, dec'd, and Peter Sonmans, his son, to Joseph Ormston and his wife—Circumstances which occasioned the delay of disposing the said case—The above-named case brought before the Council—Their opinion. Original. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 1. C. 12. 15 folios.

[Petition from "divers of the Proprietors and purchasers of the Western Division of New Jersey" to Governor Lord Cornbury, praying that the restrictions placed upon the laying out of land, &c., by his summons to the Council of Proprietors, dated Nov. 15th, 1706, might be renewed. Original, with 41 signatures. Rutherfurd MSS. Alexander West Jersey Papers, p. 149.]

Dec. 13. General state of the Revenue in the Province of New Jersey from 13th December, 1704, to 13th Dec., 1706, certified by Mr. Fauconnier. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 84. 30 folios.

1706--1713.

[Papers relating to the collection of the Proprietors' Quit Rents in Acquackenonck. Originals. Whitehead MSS.]

1707.

April 7. Burlington. Lord Cornbury's Speech to the Assem-

bly of New Jersey—the settling of a Revenue—the Confirming the Right of the Proprietors to the soil—The Highways, the Qualifications, the Militia, and the Impost Acts are recommendnd for the Assembly's despatch. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 18. 9 folios.

Enclosed in 1707, June 7, N. Y. Lord Cornbury to the Board.

April 9. Burlington. Lord Cornbury's Message to the Assembly of N. Jersey—The Assemby are reprimanded for their irregular proceedings towards Mr. Anderson, their Clerk—The Despatch of Public Business is strongly recommended to their care. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 18. 4 folios.

Enclosed in 1707, June 7, N. Y.. Lord Cornbury to the Board.

April 22. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Earl of Sunderland, (Sec. of State,) enclosing a Representation to the Queen, with a draft of additional Instructions to the several Gov'rs in the Plantations, relating to the Devolution of Government, and for preventing disputes between the Presidents and Councillors. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l. Vol. 37, p. 136. 6 folios.

See 1707, Oct. 31. Board of Trade to the E. of Sunderland.

April 25 to May 6. A Collection of Affidavits, Depositions, and Petitions to the Assembly of New Jersey, to support the accusations of the said Assembly against Lord Cornbury's Administration of that Province. S. P. O.; Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 6. Copies. 43 folios.

Enclosed in 1707–8, Feb. 9th, Letter from Mr. Morris to the Secr. of State.

April 29. St. James'. Order of Council approving the additional Instructions to the several Gov'rs in the Plantations, relating to the Devolution of Governments, &c., transmitted from the Board of Trade 22d April. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 37, p. 141. 2 folios.

May 3. Kensington. Additional Instructions to the Lord Cornbury, relating to the Devolution of the Government of New Jersey, and for preventing disputes and controversies between the President and Councillors. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 12, p. 291. 5 folios.

[See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V., p. 5.]

May 5. New Jersey. Letter from Mr. Samuel Jennings, Speaker of the House of Representatives of New Jersey, to the Secretary of State, complaining of the conduct of Lord Cornbury in the Government of that Province, and particularly about keeping out three Members from the House upon his own authority. S. P. O. Am. & West Indies. Vol. 6. Original. 4 folios. Enclosed in 1707–8, Feb. 9. Letter from Mr. Morris to the Sec. of State.

[An official draft of this Memorial in N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS. See Field's

"Provincial Courts," p. 63, &c., for notice of Samuel Jennings and his difficulties with Cornbury, Smith's New Jersey, p. 352, Proud's Pennsylvania, &c.]

May 5. Burlington. The Remonstrance of the Assembly of New Jersey, and Lord Cornbury's answers thereto—The grievances complained of are :—The non-residence of the Gov'r—the non-execution of the Criminals under sentence of death—the payment of the Court Fees by the accused—the want of Offices for Probate of Will, there being only one—that the Secr. office is only kept at Burlington, and not at Amboy—the granting of Patents to Cart Goods on the Burlington and Amboy Road—establishing of Fees by any other authority than the Gov'r, Council, and Assembly—the placing of Public Records in the charge of Mr. Sonmans—the Prohibiting of the Council of Proprietors from granting warrants for the Lands—the Dissolution of the Assembly by means of a Bribe in money given to Lord Cornbury. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 19. Copy. 85 folios. Enclosed in Lord Cornbury's Letter to the Board of Trade, 1707, June 7th, N. Y. Another *Printed* copy was transmitted by Mr. Lewis Morris to Secr. of State, in his Letter of 9th February, 1707–8. See S. P. O.; Am. & West Indies. Vol. 6.

May 5. New Jersey. Petition of the General Assembly of New Jersey to the Queen, complaining of the conduct of the Lord Cornbury in the Government of that Province, and praying a speedy redress of grievances. S. P. O.; Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 6. Original. 6 folios. Enclosed with the foregoing in 1707–8, Feb. 9.

[A Contemporaneous Copy of this Petition in N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

May 7. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Lord Cornbury—the Governors of all Plantations are to give to the Board frequent accounts of the state of their several Provinces—an acc't of the expenditure of public moneys, &c.—The Board desire to have all the Minutes of Council and Assembly transmitted to them—the list of the names of the Council, and a list of persons proper to supply the vacancies is desired also—Several Inquiries are sent to Lord Cornbury as regards the number of Inhabitants—their increase and decrease—the number of Militia—Commodities exported—Trade and Manufactures—how to prevent the Illegal Trade—the number of ships—Copy of an Act of Union of England and Scotland transmitted—Mr. Sonmans is being recommended to be of the Council of N. Jersey, in the place of Mr. Jennings. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 12, p. 300. 15 folios.

[See similar Despatch sent to Lord C., as Governor of New York, in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V., p. 5.]

May 9. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Earl of Sunderland, (Secr. of State,) with a Representation to the Queen, proposing Mr. Sonmans to be of the Council of N. Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 12, p. 306. 3 folios.

May 20. St. James's. Order of Council upon a Representation

from the Board of Trade of May 9, approving Mr. Sonmans to be of the Council of New Jersey. Copy. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 14. 3 folios.

June 7. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—The Assembly met, and adjourned and dissolved—new Assembly met—chose Quaker for their Speaker, (Sam'l Jennings)—Their proceedings--Copy of the Governor's Speech transmitted—The Assembly sends in Remonstrance of Grievances—The answer of Lord Cornbury to the said Remonstrance approved by the whole Council—excess of Mr. Deacon, a Quaker—Copies of both are transmitted—Mr. Morris never made his submission—his conduct in the Assembly—he is supported by Mr. Samuel Jennings, the Speaker, a Quaker, who withdrew a short time ago from the Council—Conduct of the Assembly towards their Clerk, Mr. Anderson, who is removed, and a Mr Pinhorne in his place appointed—Captain John Bowne expelled from the Assembly for having refused to take the oath tendered to him by Mr. Morris—Lord Cornbury's observations on the proceedings, with methods for ameliorating them—Quakers are not fit to be in the Government—An acc't of Lord Cornbury's visit to the lower parts of New Jersey—his stay at Salem—his dispute with Col. Evans, Gov'r of Maryland, about a seizure of a ship at New Jersey—The Quakers oppose the passing of a Militia Act, and why—Lord Cornbury justifies himself upon some points of the Assembly's Remonstrance—Attempt of the Proprietors to bribe Lord Cornbury—His Lordship put no one in the Commission of the Peace or Militia but such as were recommended by the Council—The Clerk could not get the Journal of the Assembly ready by this conveyance--The Council are preparing an Address to the Queen on the state of New Jersey. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 17. 34 folios, without the Enclosures. Enclosing

The Governor's Speech to the Assembly, see April 7, 1707, April 9, 1707. Copy of a Remonstrance of the Assembly, and the Lord Cornbury's answer to it. See May 5, 1707.

June 10. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Queen—that an Act of Parliament be passed to enforce the Queen's Proclamation relating to the Rates of Foreign Coin in the Plantations. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 37, p. 143. 72 folios.

June 28. Philadelphia. Col. Quary to the Board of Trade—Pennsylvanian affairs—The proceedings of Quakers in New Jersey under the Leadership of Mr. Jennings—Proceedings of the New Jersey Assembly—Col. Morris and Mr. Jennings scandalize Lord Cornbury—they called before the Council, when some of Lord C.'s Instructions were read to them, to which Col. Morris answered that "the Queen's orders and Instructions did not condemn or affect them—the Laws of England are disregarded—they would be gov-

erned as they please, otherwise will not grant a Revenue—New York affairs. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. General. Vol. 8. I. 59. 22 folios.

[This interesting despatch is printed at length in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V., p. 17.]

July 20. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—The Gov'r and Council of New Jersey send their congratulatory address to the Queen—Two Privateers on the Coast of New York—Capt. Davis's conduct in chasing the Privateers—Capt. Davis lands his wounded at Sandy Hook—Capt. Davis sailed again and retook a Virginia ship. Original. S. P. O., B. T. N. Y. Vol. 15. Y. 74. 12 folios.

Enclosure. Address from the Gov'r and Council of New Jersey to the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty on the success of her arms in 1706. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 1. C. 20. 5 folios.

[Letter printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 20.]

Oct. 23. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Earl of Sunderland (Secr. of State) enclosing the draft of additional Instructions to the Gov'rs in the Plantations, for Her Majesty's Signature, commanding them to admonish or suspend any of the Council who shall wilfully absent himself without any just cause. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l, Vol. 37, p. 147. 4 folios.

See 1707, Dec. 30. Circular letter from the B. T.

Oct. 24. The Assembly of New Jersey's Reply to the Lord Cornbury's answer to their Remonstrance of Grievances. Printed Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, C. 39. 80 folios.

See 1707, June 7. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade, with the Remonstrance and Answer enclosed.

[See the Remonstrance, Answer and Reply in Smith's New Jersey, pp. 285, 336.] Another Copy was transmitted by Mr. Lewis Morris to Secr. of State in his letter of 9 Feb., 1707–8. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies, Vol. 6.

Oct. 27. Amboy. Vote of the Assembly of New Jersey—Resolved (by the Committee) nemine contr. not to raise any money until His Excellency (Lord Cornbury) consents to Redress the Grievances of the Country. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, C. 32. 2 folios.

See 1707, Nov. 29. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade.

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Earl of Sunderland (Secr. of State)—The Despatches for Lord Cornbury were lost on board the Ruby (taken by the French)—Duplicate of the Instructions about Devolution of Government are transmitted for Her Majesty's signature. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l, Vol. 37, p. 148. 2 folios.

See 1707, April 22. Whitehall. B. of Tr. to the Earl of Sunderland.

Nov. 29. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—

On the 16th of Oct. went to meet the Assembly at Amboy, who did not arrive till the 23d—Gov'r's Message—Mr. Morris and Mr. Jennings were busy during the recess to persuade several Members not to grant the Revenue—A copy of the Assembly's vote is transmitted—Lord Cornbury instituted Commission of Inquiry as to the grievances complained of by the Assembly—their Report—Quakers oppose the Revenue, and Mr. Samuel Jennings, the Speaker, in particular—Lord Cornbury recommends that some method may be fixed upon to inquire into the Qualifications of Members of the Assembly —Mr. Byerly of N. York, and Mr. Moore a Minister in N. Jersey, declared, that if Lord Cornbury were to send an order from New York relating to the New Jersey affairs, it has no force at New Jersey, and vice versa—wishes to know the Board's opinion on this subject—He adjourned the Assembly to the 2d April. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, C. 30. 10 folios.

See 1707, Oct. 27. Vote of the New Jersey Assembly.

[For the circumstances affecting Rev. Mr. Moore, see "Contributions to the early History of Perth-Amboy, &c.," p. 214.]

Dec. 30. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Gov'r in the Plantations, transmitting the additional Instructions relating to the attendance of Councillors. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l, Vol. 37, p. 154. 2 folios.

See 1707, Oct. 23. Board of Tr. to the Earl of Sunderland.

New Jersey. Petition of Freeholders of East Jersey (five in number) to the Assembly, complaining that the Records of the Province are deposited in the hands of Mr. Sonmans, who is reported to be a Bankrupt, and who has absconded from his Creditors in England, and praying that the said Records be placed in the hands of some person "of a visible Estate and good reputation within the Eastern divison." S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies, Vol. 6. Copy. 3 folios.

Enclosed in Letter from Mr. Morris to the Secr. of State, Feb. 9, 1707–8.

1707--1709.

[Papers relating to the collection of the Proprietors' Quit Rents on the Raritan in three years. Originals. Whitehead MSS.]

1707--11.

[Papers relating to the collection of the Proprietors' Quit Rents from the Settlers of Newark by Peter Sonmans, Receiver. Orig'l. Whitehead MSS.]

1707--8.

Jan. 10. Philadelphia. Col. Quary to the Board of Trade—The affairs of Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts—New York and New Jersey not disposed to adopt measures effectually to defend the country. Encloses the Remonstrance of the Assembly of N. Jersey and the Governor's answer.—[The Queen's instructions part of their grievances—Two or three were in the Assembly who

would sacrifice the happiness and quiet of the country to their private resentments]—The Quakers in N. Jersey are turbulent, the same in Penn'a—[The evil growing and requiring a speedy remedy, or it would spread over the whole continent.] Original. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l, Vol. 8, I. 60. 17 folios.

[Printed at length in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 30.]

Feb. 9. New York, Letter from Mr. Lewis Morris to the Secretary of State (Earl of Nottingham)—By order of the Assembly of New Jersey several Papers are transmitted to prove the misconduct of Lord Cornbury in the Government of New Jersey—Political state of New Jersey at the arrival of Lord Cornbury as Governor—his conduct in the Government—the distress of the People—Col. Caleb Heathcote would be a Man to the general satisfaction for the Govern't of New Jersey—Lord Cornbury dresses himself daily in woman's clothes. S. P. O. Am. & West Indies, Vol. 6. Original. 32 folios.

[Printed at length in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 33.]

Enclosures. 1707, May 5. Letter from Sam'l Jennings to the Secr. of State. 1707, Oct. 24. Reply of the Assembly of N. Jersey. 1707, Petition of the Freeholders of E. Jersey to the Assembly. 1707, May 5. Remonstrance of the Assembly of N. Jersey—and Lord Cornbury's answer. 1707, May 5. Petition of the Assembly of New Jersey to the Queen. 1707, April 25 to May 6. Several Depositions against Lord Cornbury.

Feb. 10. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—Sends a Copy of the Journal of the Assembly of New Jersey for the last two Sessions—He had no time to make any observations upon the "Reply" of the N. Jersey Assembly to his answer about their Grievances, but he will send them soon—Murder perpetrated in the Province of New York—Execution of the Murderers. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York, Vol. 15, Z. 19. 3 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 39.]

Feb. 10. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—Transmits a Letter from the Lieut. Gov'r and eight of the Council of New Jersey to the Board of Trade, enclosing their Address to the Queen, complaining of the irregular proceedings of the Assembly of that Province. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey, Vol. 1, C. 33. 15 folios.

Enclosing the two following and 1708, June 8. Board of Trade to the Earl of Sunderland.

[Feb. 10.] Burlington. L't Gov'r Ingoldesby to the Board of Trade.—Enclosing the Address of the L't G. and Council to the Queen, complaining of the Irregularities of the Assembly of that Province.—Orig'l signed by Rich. Ingoldesby, Rob't Quary, Dan Coxe, Rich. Townley, Wm. Sandford, Thos. Revell, Daniel Leeds,

William Pinhouse and R. Mompesson. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 34. 2 folios.

Enclosed in foregoing.

[Feb. 10.] Address of the L't Gov'r and Council of New Jersey to the Queen—Express their "horror and dislike" of the Proceedings of the Assembly—The Assembly incroaches on the Royal Prerogative, and violate the Rights of the Subjects—They "unmannerly" treat the Gov'r—Mr. Lewis Morris and Mr. Samuel Jennings are Turbulent, Factious, uneasy and disloyal principles Men—they ought to be discountenanced—The Libel of the Assembly, called a "Reply," for want of time had not been answered. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 35. 12 folios.

[Printed in Smith's New Jersey, p. 345.]

Enclosed in 1707–8, Feb. 10. Lord Cornbury to the Board, with 1698 to 1700. Extracts from Records, &c.

(Feb. 11.) Observations (probably of the Att. Gen'l) upon several Articles in the Remonstrance of the Assembly of New Jersey of 5 May, 1707. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, between C. 19 and C. 20. 3 folios.

See 1707, April 7. Lord Cornbury's Speech to the Assembly, &c.

1707, April 9. Lord Cornbury's Message to the Assembly, &c.

1707, May 5. The N. Jersey Assembly's Remonstrance, &c.

1708.

[March —. "Account of Warrants in my hand, March, 1708, due to me for my salary, &c."—"Account of Money due to me in the Provinces of New York and New Jersey"—"Account of my Debts"—"Account of what I am accused of, and my answers"—"Letters of Attorney to his Father." Original Papers of Lord Cornbury.

These Manuscripts were sold at auction in New York, by Bangs Brothers, March 4th, 1854. Present possessor is unknown. Cornbury makes the amount due to him

From New York, ...	£758.16.0
" New Jersey, ...	1849.18.2
Making	£2608.14.2

being for back salaries, expenses incurred in travelling, &c. They having sued him for the whole amount of his indebtedness, £10.333.6.0, without allowing or making deductions for the amounts due to him which came to £2.414.14.6, from individuals, besides the amount due by the Provinces as above, "besides what I have been arrested for"—he says—"my other debts come to about £1400, so that it appears plainly that they have arrested me for £7.918.11 more than they can demand, which can be intended for nothing but to make a noise in England." This was sent to his father, and is entitled his defence. He alludes to the charges of bribery, of misappropriation of public money, &c., and wishes to make it appear that he was innocent of every charge. The principal cause of his being in debt is said to be the refusal of the New Jersey Assembly to appropriate money to pay his salary and expenses, he having been at considerable expense when visiting the Province twice a year.]

March 28. Whitehall. Earl of Sunderland to the Board of

Trade, requiring Commissions and Instructions to be prepared for the Lord Lovelace, appointed Gov'r of New York and New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 12, p. 328. 1 folio.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts. Vol. V., p. 39.]

April 15. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America—Require to have a "distinct account" what number of Negroes have been yearly imported directly from Africa from the 24 of June, 1698 to 25 Dec. 1707, by the Royal African Company and Private Traders, and the Rates at which Negroes were sold by the Company and by Private Traders. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l. Vol. 37, 37, p. 165. 11 folios.

April 19. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Earl of Sunderland—transmit the Draft of a Commission for Lord Lovelace to be Gov'r of New Jersey with a Representation to the Queen upon it. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 12, 329. 52 folios.

April 22. Kensington. Copy of an Order of Council upon a Representation of the 19th of April, approving the drafts of Commissions for the Lord Lovelace to be Gov'r of New York and New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. N. Y. Vol. 58, p. 309. 2 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 40.]

May 12. Burlington. Minutes of Council of N. Jersey—The indorsement in Mr. Dockwra's hand is as follows: "Copie of Minutes or Journal of the Assembly of Nova Cæsarea or New Jersey, begun the 5 of May, 1708, at Burlington, but were Factious and Mutinous, and would do nothing, so adjourned them to 3d Tuesday in September, 1708, to meet at Amboy—Lord Cornbury Governor." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 70. 25 folios.

Transmitted in Mr. Dockwra's memorial to the Board, 31 Oct., 1709.

[See Smith's New Jersey, p. 349.]

May 12. List of 12 persons proposed to be of the Council of New Jersey (rec'd from Lord Lovelace and Proprietors.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 23. 1 folio.

May 14. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the several Gov'rs in America—enclosing the Acts of Parliament relating to Foreign Coins, and the Trade to America. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l. Vol. 37, p. 184. 2 folios.

May 19. Objections of Sir Thos. Lane and seven other Proprietors of New Jersey against Thomas Revell, Daniel Leeds, Robert Quary, Peter Sonmans, and Daniel Coxe, to be of the Council of that Province, and recommending Miles Foster, Richard Townly, Hugh Huddy, Wm. Hall, John Harrison, and John Hamilton to fill up the vacancies. Orig'l. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 1, C. 24. 7 folios.

See 1706. July 15 and 16. Affidavits of Ingoldesby and Hamilton.

May 21. Custom House, London. Report from the Custom Commissioners to the Lord Treasurer, upon the Draft of the Lord Lovelace Instructions for the Government of N. York and N. Jersey, as regards the Acts of Trade and Navigation—approving the same. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 58, p. 219. 9 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 41.]

May 26. Mr. Wm. Penn to Secr. Popple—Mr. Penn is of opinion that Mr. Revell and Mr. Leeds be better out of the Council of New Jersey—Recommends Mr. Keble's memorial to the Board's serious consideration—(see Mr. Keble's Memorial, 1708, May 27.) Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1 c. 27. 2 folios.

May 27. Mr. Keble's Memorial to the Board of Trade, proposing to set up a Manufacture of Pot Ashes in New Jersey, with the Queen's assistance, and praying a Patent for the Salt Pans in that Province. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, c. 28. 5 folios.

See preceding entry, and also 1708, July 7.

May 31. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Queen, with the Draft of Instructions to the Lord Lovelace, for the Governments of New York and New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 58, p. 145. 3 folios.

See the Instructions, 1708, June 27.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 42.]

May. Memorial of the Agent (Mr. Sonmans) of the Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey to Lord Cornbury—That notwithstanding the authority given him from the Proprietors and the Gov'r's Proclamation confirming the same, Mr. John Harrison, Justice of the Peace and a Judge of the C't of Common Pleas, has endeavoured to Obstruct, Defame and Scandalize the said Agent—Prays that a stop may be put to such proceedings. Attested copy by Mr. Dockwra. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 1, C. 74. 8 folios.

Transmitted in Mr. Dockwra's memorial to the Board, 31 Oct., 1709.

June 4. London. Memorial of Mr. Joseph Ormston to the Board of Trade—Mr. Peter Sonmans is not qualified to be of the Council of New Jersey—his father was an Alien, and the Queen granted his Lands in N. Jersey to the Memorialist to be held in trust for his family—the appointing of Peter Sonmans to the Council would be deemed an acknowledgment of his Right to the Lands—the said Peter Sonmans can be considered only an Itinerant person in New Jersey—he is very unacceptable to the Country. Orig'l. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 36. 5 folios.

[See Contributions to East Jersey History, p. 75.]

[June 4.] Petition of Mr. Keble to the Earl of Godolphin, Lord High Treasurer of England—desires to have a Patent for the Manu-

facture of Potashes in N. Jersey. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. Enclosed in C. 43. 2 folios. See 1708, July 7.

[June 4.] Recommendation from Mr. Wm. Penn and others given to Mr. Keble's proposal about the Manufacture of Potashes in the Plantations. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. Enclosed in C. 43. 2 folios. See 1708, July 7.

[June 4.] Certificates (two) of the London soap-makers as to the good quality of the Potashes manufactured by Mr. Keble. Originals. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. Enclosed in C. 43. 2 folios. See 1708, July 7.

June 8. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Earl of Sunderland, (Sec. of State,) enclosing an Address from the L't Gov'r and Council of New Jersey to the Queen, complaining of the proceedings of the General Assembly of that Province. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 12, p 416. 1 folio.

See 1707–8, Feb. 10. Lord Cornbury to the Board and Enclosures.

June 9. List of the Proprietors' names Residing in and about London that *did not* sign Peter Sonmans' Commission, with amount of their Propriety shares; also, a similar list of those that *did* sign the Commission presented to the B. T. by Mr. Ormston, with Mr. Dockwra's observations on the above lists. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 37. 5 folios.

June 10. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Queen, with the Drafts of Instructions to the Lord Lovelace for New York and New Jersey, relating to the Acts of Trade and Navigation. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 58, p. 227. 1 folio.

See 1708, June 27. The Instructions.

June 18. Memorial from Mr. Joseph Ormston to the Board of Trade—the Majority of the Proprietors did not sign Mr. Sonmans' Commission—he is not qualified to sit in the Council—his wife and family reside in Chiswick, C'y Midd'x—he is unacceptable to the People of N. Jersey—he had no right to keep the Records and Act as Receiver General of Quit Rents. Original, (with a list of the Proprietors.) S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 38. 5 folios.

June 26. Kensington. Copy of an order of Council upon a Representation from the Board of Trade to the Queen of the 31st of May, approving the Drafts of Instructions to the Lord Lovelace for the Governments of New York and New Jersey, [and authorizing Wm. Hall and John Harrison to be of the Council.] Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York, Vol. 58, p. 310. 2 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V., p. 45.] See the Instructions 1708, June 27.

June 26. Kensington. Copy of an order of the Council upon a

Representation from the Board of Trade to the Queen of the 10th of June, approving the Drafts of instructions for the Lord Lovelace, relating to the Acts of Trade and Navigation. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 58, p. 311. 2 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V., p. 45.] See the Instructions 1708, June 27.

June 27. Draft of Instructions to Lord Lovelace, Gov'r of New York and New Jersey, in pursuance of several Laws relating to the Trade and Navigation—additional Instructions on the same subject, and Copies of two Clauses of Acts of Parliament. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 12, p. 417. 100 folios.

June 27. Instructions to the Lord Lovelace for the Government of New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T.; New Jersey. Vol. 12, p. 355. 160 folios.

June 28. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Lord Lovelace—They enclose a Copy of the Att. Genl's Report, in relation to Fines, Forfeitures, and Escheats, and to the appointing of a Ranger of the Woods, for His Lordship's guidance in the Gov't of New Jersey—Not having received any answer from the Lord Cornbury, the Board think it necessary to repeat their observations to Lord Lovelace about some acts of the New Jersey Assembly, passed in Nov. 1704—Transmitting of the Acts ought to be accompanied, in future, with the Governor's reasons for passing the same—Public Books, Papers, and Records, relating to the Proprietorship of the soil, be not taken out of the hands of the Proprietors' Agents—The Governor's orders, altho' resident in New York, are of force in New Jersey—The Lord Lieutenants of Counties in England make precedent—Mr. Att. General's opinion about the Probate of Wills is enclosed for the Lord Lovelace's guidance—No Minutes of Council or Assembly were transmitted by the Lord Cornbury either from N. Y. or N. J.—Lord Lovelace is desired to send copies of them, and for the future to transmit the same every quarter—Observations on some of the N. Y. acts—Board's opinion upon the Remonstrance of the Assembly of N. Jersey, and the Lord Cornbury's answer thereto, transmitted to the Board in his Letter of 7th June, 1707. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 58, p. 282. 24 folios.

[Printed at length in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 46.]

June 29. Whitehall. Earl of Sunderland to the Board of Trade—The New Jersey Company desire that Mr. Lewis Morris may be of the Council there instead of Mr. Coxe or Mr. Sonmans. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 42, 1 folio.

See 1708, July 1. Board of Trade to the Earl of Sunderland.

July 1. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Earl of Sunderland—They have no objection to restore Mr. Morris to the Council of New Jersey, but some inconvenience may arise from displacing Mr. Coxe or Mr. Sonmans—they propose that the last recommended

person, *i. e.*, Mr. John Harrison, be removed to make room for Mr. Morris. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 12, p. 449. 2 folios.

July 1. Custom House. Report from the Commissioners of Customs to the Lord Treasurer, upon the Petition of Mr. Keble (1708, May 27)—"If the Manufacture of Potashes can be brought to perfection in the Plantations, it will be a useful Trade, and of Public benefit to this (England) kingdom." Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, enclosed in C. 43. 5 folios.

See 1708, July 7.

[July 1. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—New York affairs—Emigration to New Jersey from New York, especially from King's County, Long Island, in consequence of the goodness of land in East Jersey, and freedom from taxation—account of the Trade and Manufactures of the Country—Enquires as to the force of a Proclamation in New York that may be issued by him when in New Jersey.

Printed in New York Colonial Documents, Vol. V. p. 56.]

July 1. New York. Lord Cornbury to the Board of Trade—He will send an acc't of the state of the Province of New Jersey—Two years ago he sent the Minutes of Council—The Revenue of late was not raised, consequently he cannot send any acc'ts—the Quakers oppose the raising of a Revenue as well as the Militia—Sends a List of the Council and of persons to supply the vacancies—Increase of the Inhabitants in New Jersey—An account of the state of Trade in the Province—Proposes to appoint some method for inquiring into the Qualifications of the Assembly Men, and not to leave it to the Assembly; and why?—He will publish the Union Act—Sends a fourth Copy of his letter about Mr. Ormston and Mr. Sonmans—Mr. Sonmans will be admitted into the Council. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 52. 18 folios.

(July 1.) List of the Council of New Jersey, and of persons recommended by the Lord Cornbury to supply vacancies therein, and His Lordship's observations. Original. Enclosed in the Lord Cornbury's letter to the Board of Trade of 1st July, 1708. S. P. O., B. T. Vol 1. C. 53. 2 folios.

July 7. Treasury Chambers. Mr. Lowndes to Mr. Secr. Popple, enclosing a Report from the Commissioners of the Customs, on the Petition of John Keble. (See 1708, May 27, Mr. Keble's Memorial.) Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol 1. C. 43. 20 folios, with Enclosures previously inserted referring to the Memorial of Mr. Keble; and 1708, July 15, Mr. Secr. Popple to Mr. Lowndes.

July 7. Mr. John Keble's (of West Jersey) proposals for carrying on the Potash Works in New Jersey. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 44. 5 folios.

See also Mr. Lowndes to Mr. Secr. Popple above.

July 8. Additional proposals of Mr. John Keble, relating to the production of Potashes in New Jersey, and the amount of duty to be paid upon them. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 45. 2 folios.

See also 1708, July 7.

July 15. Whitehall. Mr. Secr. Popple to Mr. Lowndes—The Board are of opinion that the setting up of Potash Works in the Plantations will be of very great advantage to this Kingdom, (England,) and it will increase the Revenue. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 12, p. 459. 10 folios.

See 1708, July 7.

August 18. Kensington. Order of Council upon a Letter from the Board of Trade to the Earl of Sunderland of 1st July, restoring Mr. Lewis Morris to the Council of New Jersey, in place of Mr. John Harrison. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 51. 4 folios.

Dec. 18. New York. Lord Lovelace to the Board of Trade—Arrived at New York on the 18th of Dec., after a passage of "nine weeks and odd days"—The Fleet got separated—none of the ships arrived. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol 15. Z. 35. 2 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 67. Council summoned to meet him at Bergen, Dec. 20th. See Smith's New Jersey, p. 355.]

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February 8. New York. Mr. Fauconnier to ————, giving an account of public papers remaining in the hands of Lord Cornbury, which relate to New Jersey. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Vol. 1. C. 83. 5 folios.

March 4. Perth Amboy. Lord Lovelace to the Board of Trade —The Assembly of N. Jersey met yesterday, (March 3,) and chose Mr. Thomas Gordon their Speaker—Ordered several papers and accounts to be got ready for transmission home—He can't give an acc't of the Negroes imported from Africa for several years past —he will do so for the future—Mr. Mompesson is desirous to be retained as Chief Justice of New York. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol 1. C. 54. 2 folios.

[See synopsis of his speech and answer of the Assembly in Smith's New Jersey, p. 355. Mompesson's Memorial to the Board of Trade, is printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 69.]

March. Copy of the Address of Mr. Lewis Morris to Lord Lovelace, with the verses made upon his addressing His Lordship alone, beginning thus:

As Kings at their meals sitt alone at a Table,
Not deigning to eat with the Lords of the Rabble;
So the great Lewis Morris presents an Address,
By himself all alone, not one else of the Mess, &c.

Enclosed in Mr. Dockwra's Memorial of 31st October, 1709. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 76. 18 folios.

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March 28. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Lord Lovelace —To give encouragement in New York and New Jersey to the production of Naval Stores, viz: Pitch, Tar, and Masts for the Royal Navy. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 58, p. 363. 4 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V., p. 72.]

March 31. Address of the Assembly of N. Jersey against the arbitrary proceedings of the Council of that Province, enclosing a Printed Collection of Documents in support of their Arguments. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Vol. 1. C. 82. 70 folios.

N. B.—The Enclosed Printed Collection of Documents is the same as the one transmitted by the 18 Proprietors of N. Jersey, in their Memorial to the Board of Trade of 26th Nov., 1709.

[April 1 to Oct. 9, 1714. Extracts from Minutes of the Council of Proprietors of West Jersey, relating to five purchases of lands in the northern part of the State, with copies of four of the deeds. Original certificate from Clerk of the Council. Rutherfurd MSS. West Jersey Papers, towards end. Copy in Whitehead MSS.]

See 1755, Nov. 10.

April. New Jersey. Representation from the L't Gov'r and six of the Council to Lord Lovelace, Gov'r of New Jersey, complaining of the irregular proceedings of the Assembly, and the favor shown to them by His Lordship. Attested Copy by Mr. Dockwra. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol 1. C. 67. 80 folios.

See 1709, Oct. 31.

June 14. The answer of Mr. Peter Sonmans to the Address of the Assembly of the 18th of March, 1708–9, justifying himself from the many accusations therein contained, with an Appendix containing Petitions, Reports and Affidavits upon the subject in question. Printed Copy—at N. York. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 68. 200 folios.

See 1709, Oct. 31.

June 16. Perth Amboy. Col. Ingoldesby to the Board of Trade—Received Notice from N. York of the death of the Lord Lovelace—Sends the Minutes of Council and Assembly during His Lordship's Government—Col. Nicholson and Col. Vetch arrived [charged with a proposed expedition to Canada]—The Assembly of New Jersey do not comply with Her Majesty's orders about the Quota of Men and Money for the subjugation of Canada—Several characteristic Resolutions proposed by the Quakers in the Assembly —Mr. Davenport and Cap't Andrew Bowne, two of the Council, are dead, and two others, *i. e.*, Mr. Revell and Mr. Leeds, are removed —Col. Ingoldesby sends a list of Persons to fill up the vacancies

(the List is not with the Letter)—The Assembly made no provision to pay the Gov'r and other Officers—For the last four years he received no Salary—Prays to be appointed Gov'r of N. Y. and New Jersey—He, by the Advice of the Council, suspended Mr. Lewis Morris from the Council and any office of profit or trust—He adjourned the Assembly, and called them to meet again at Burlington, June 23. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 57. 9 folios.

[See Smith's New Jersey, p. 359, &c.]

June. Transcripts of two Acts of Assembly, *i. e.*, "An Act for preventing persons from leaving this (New Jersey) Province, in order to prevent their serving on this present expedition against Canada"—"An Act for raising £3,000 for Her Majesty's service" —An Address of the L't Gov'r and Council of N. Jersey to Col. Francis Nicholson, with several observations thereupon—An Address from the Council of N. Jersey to L't Gov'r Ingoldesby, and an Address of the L't Gov'r to the Queen—all relating to the projected expedition against Canada. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 75. 45 folios. Transmitted in Mr. Dockwra's Memorial to the Board, 31st Oct., 1709.

[This act of raising £3,000 authorized the *first* paper money in New Jersey.]

[June 28. New York. Col's Nicholson and Vetch to the Board of Trade—Had failed in securing the desired co-operation of the Legislatures of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, owing to the Quaker influence—They ought not to be admitted into the Councils or Assemblies.

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 78; and see Smith's New Jersey, pp. 359 to 368.]

July 5. New York. Col. Ingoldesby to the Board of Trade—New York affairs—He sends the Minutes of Council and Assembly of New Jersey—The Assembly of N. Jersey passed an Act for raising £3,000 for the Canadian Expedition, another for enforcing the currency of £3,000 in Bills of Credit, and another for the encouragement of the Volunteers—all the Quakers voted against the Acts —The Secr. of N. Jersey was busy and could not get the Acts transcribed in time for this conveyance. Original. S P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 15. Z. 41. Entire letter, 26 folios. Extract ab't N. Jersey. 2 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 84; and see same Vol., p. 81, in a letter from Thomas Cockerill, Paymaster of the Forces, references to the passage of the act by the New Jersey Assembly above referred to.]

[August 10. Albany. Letter from John Harrison to Capt. Elisha Parker, at Perth Amboy—Attached to the Commissariat of the army on the frontier, and writes to Capt. Parker for necessary supplies for the New Jersey Troops. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[August 26. Minutes of a Council of War held at Wood Creek —Colonel Whiting's regiment to be relieved from the posts at the

several carrying places, and marched into camp with their provisions, and that the men from the Jerseys transport the stores not belonging to that regiment. Certified copy for Major John Harrison, Commissary, &c. Whitehead MSS.]

(Sept. 3.) Memorial from the Lieu't Gov'r and eight of the Council of New Jersey to the Queen, complaining of the Conduct of the Quakers in the Assembly of that Province, who would not consent to the granting of money for the Canadian expedition. Attested Copy by Mr. Dockwra. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 71. 10 folios. Transmitted in Mr. Dockwra's Memorial to the Board, 31st Oct. 1709.

Sept. 9. Whitehall. Earl of Sunderland to the Board of Trade —Directing the Board to prepare drafts of Commissions and Instructions for Col. Hunter to be Gov'r of N. Y. and N. Jersey. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 15. Z. 57. 1 folio.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 91.]

Sept. 15. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Earl of Sunderland, with the Drafts of Commissions for Col. Hunter to be Gov'r of New York and New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 1.

[Printed at length in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V., p. 92.]

[Sept. 19. Albany. Letter from John Harrison, attached to the Commissariat of the army on the Frontier, to Capt. Elisha Parker at Amboy, detailing his labors in behalf of the New Jersey Troops, and the hardships they were subjected to. Original. Whitehead MSS.

Extract printed in "Contributions to the early history of Perth Amboy," &c., p. 87.]

[Sept. 28. Fort Nicholson. Letter from John Harrison, attached to the Commissariat of the Army on the northern frontier, to Capt. Elisha Parker at Perth Amboy, in relation to the wants of the New Jersey troops—describes the condition and position of the forces—"however it is with you, this part of the world is the coldest and worst I ever saw." Whitehead MSS.

Extracts printed in "Contributions to the early History of Perth Amboy," &c., p. 88.]

Sept. 29. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Earl of Sunderland—they want to know Her Majesty's pleasure, whether the clause about pressing of seamen be continued in the instructions to Col. Hunter, as Gov'r of N. York and New Jersey, or not. Entry. S. P. O, B.T. New York. Vol. 58, p. 431. 6 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 98.]

Oct. 18. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Queen, recommending that an act passed in New Jersey in Dec., 1704, entitled "An act for regulating Negro, Indian, and Mulatto

slaves, &c," owing to its inhuman penalties, be repealed. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 13, p. 20. 1 folio. [See Oct. 24.]

Oct. 20. Windsor. Draft of Her Majesty's letter to Col. Ingoldesby, revoking his commission of Lieut. Gov'r of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 79. 4 folios.

[His commission of Governor of New York was revoked April 24th, 1706, but the revocation was not sent to him; he therefore, on the death of Lord Lovelace, assumed the Government of that province, but so soon as the news reached the Board of Trade, they asked (Sept. 2d, 1709) for a new revocation, which was issued Sept. 17th, 1709. See New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. pp. 89, 90, 91.]

Oct. 24. Windsor. Order of Council upon a Representation from the Board of Trade of 18th Oct., repealing an Act of New Jersey for Regulating Negro, Indian, and Mulatto Slaves. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 65. 4 folios.
[See 1709, Oct. 18.]

Oct. 29. Windsor. Draft of a Warrant for the Queen's signature to the Gov'r of New Jersey, empowering him to use the New Seal for that Province. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 21. 4 folios.

Oct. 31. Memorial from Mr. Dockwra to the Board of Trade —Presents several Addresses, Representations, Petitions, &c., from New Jersey, and desires to be heard at the Board upon the state and condition of that Province before the settlement of Instructions to Col. Hunter. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 66. 2 folios.

Nov. 1. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the President of the Council of New Jersey, enclosing an order of Council for repealing an Act for regulating Negro, Indian, and Mulatto Slaves. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 24, 2 folios.
[See 1709, Oct. 18 & 24.]

Nov. 10. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to the President of the Council of New Jersey, enclosing Her Majesty's Letter of 20th Oct., 1709, to Col. Ingoldesby, revoking his Commission of L't Gov'r of New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 31. 1 folio.

Nov. 26. London. Memorial of the 18 of the Proprietors of N. J. to the Board of Trade, praying that Messrs. Coxe, Sonmans, Mompesson, Pinhorne, Townly, and Sanford, be left out of the Council, and that Messrs. Gordon, Foster, Barclay, Hamilton, Read, Willocks, Gardiner, Hogg, and Merret, or some of them be substituted, enclosing a Printed Collection of Documents in support of their Memorial. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Vol. 1. C. 80. 70 folios.

N. B.—The Enclosed Printed Collection of Documents is the same as the one transmitted in the N. Jersey Assembly's Address to the Queen of 31st March, 1709.

Dec. 2. Col. Quary to the Board of Trade—He visited Virginia where every thing is quiet—Gives a lengthened account of the proceedings of the Assembly of Maryland—Some concessions of Lord Lovelace's to the Gov't of N. Jersey, gave a handle to the other Governments on the Main to run into excesses—Confused state of Pennsilvania. Original. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l. Vol. 9. K. 1. 15 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V., p. 114.]

Dec. 23. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the Earl of Sunderland, Secr. of State, enclosing the Drafts of Instructions to Col. Hunter for the Government of N. York and N. Jersey; and also Representation to the Queen, in relation to some alteration as regards the Members of the Councils of both Provinces—recommending Mr. Lewis Morris to be restored to the Council of N. Jersey, and Messrs. Gordon and Gardner be added to complete the Number of twelve—Col. Hunter is instructed to enquire and report upon the Disputes between the Council and Assembly of New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 59, p. 1. 13 folios [without the Instructions.]

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V., p. 123; and page 124, *et infra*, for the Instructions in full.]

Dec. 23. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Col. Hunter, with relations to Fines, Forfeitures, and Escheats, and to the appointing of a Ranger of the Woods, he (Col. H.) is to be guided by the Attorney General's Rep't thereupon—He is to give further light upon several Acts passed in N. Jersey in November, 1704—The Assembly is to amend "The Act for the settling the Militia," "The Act for uniting and quieting the minds of all Her Majesty's subjects in New Jersey," "The Act for altering the present Consitution and regulating the Election of Representatives"—All Books and Papers, Deeds and Evidences relating to the Property of the soil, be left and do remain in the hands of the Agents for the Proprietors—His orders sent from New York to New Jersey are of force—Sir E. Northey's [Att. Gen'l] opinion is enclosed for his guidance as to Probate of Wills in N. Y.—He is to send all the Minutes of Council and Assembly for N. Y. and N. J. during the L'd C.'s Government, and henceforth transmit the same quarterly—The Board's observations upon a Remonstrance from the Assembly of New Jersey to the Earl of Clarendon—To disallow the Act passed in in N. Jersey in Dec., 1704, Entitled "An Act for Regulating Negro, Indians, and Mulatto Slaves, within this Prov'ce of New Jersey." Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 59, p. 127. 30 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 154.]

Dec. 25. Order of Council approving the Representation from the Board of Trade of the 23d of December, re-instating Mr. Lewis Morris in the Council of N. J., and appointing Mr. Tho's Gordon

and Mr. Tho's Gardiner to be Members of the same. Copy. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1. C. 85. 5 folios.

Dec. 25. St. James'. Order of Council upon a Representation from the Board of Trade of the 23d of Dec., approving the several Instructions to Col. Hunter for the Government of New Jersey. Copy S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 86 and 87. 2 folios.

Dec. 27. Several Instructions to Col. Hunter for the Government of New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 34. 300 folios.

—— Letter from Mr. Thomas Gordon to Lord . . . . . .—Lord Lovelace appointed Him Chief Justice of New Jersey—L't Gov'r Ingoldesby suspended him from that office without giving any reason for so doing—prays to be restored. S. P. O. Am. and W. Indies. Vol. 385. Original. 3 folios.

[See "Contributions to the early History of Perth Amboy," &c., p. 60.]

1710.

March 15. New York. Col. Ingoldesby to the Board of Trade —The Acts passed at N. York are not ready to be transmitted—On the 18 of Nov. he went to Burlington to meet the Assembly of N. J., who sat until the 31st of January, having passed ten Bills which he sends for Her Majesty's approbation, with 3 other acts, and the Minutes of Council and Assembly of that Province. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 15, Z. 100. 4 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 164.]

July 5. New York. Col. Quary to the Board of Trade—Col. Hunter declared to the Assembly of New Jersey that he will not interpose or concern himself as regards the property of the soil, but leave it entirely to the determination of the law, by which assertion all persons are disposed to a reconciliation. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 15, Z. 100. 5 folios.

["Those who were the greatest enemies seemed to contend only who should soonest refer all contests to the judgment and determination of so good a Governor." * * "Never any Governor was sent into these parts of the world so very well qualified" by his judgment, prudence and temper. The letter printed at length in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 165. Gov. Hunter arrived in New York June 14."]

[July 26. Letter from Dr. John Johnstone, of Amboy, to Charles Dunster. Extract: "I hope Col. Hunter will answer the character you give him. I think the Countrie is happy in him, and are better pleased than could be expected, tho all those that shall happen to be detected will undoubtedly grumble." Orig'l. Rutherfurd MSS.

Dunster came to the Province in 1704 as Attorney for James Lord Drummond.]

July 28. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Secr. of State—the Lady Lovelace shall have every justice done—the Assembly of New Jersey passed a bill giving £800 to the Lord

Lovelace—after his death there was another act of Assembly giving £500 of that sum to Col. Ingoldesby, and £200 only to her ladyship—recommends to confirm the first act and to disapprove the second—the difficulty will be to get back the money from Col Ingoldesby which he had on account, as he is very poor. S. P. O. Am. and W. Indies. Vol. 6. Original. 3 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 169. For the character and administration of Gov. Hunter see Gordon's New Jersey, Smith's New York, Field's Provincial Courts, p. 89; Contributions to the Early Hist. of Perth Amboy, &c., p. 147.]

Oct. 3. New York. Col. Hunter to the Board of Trade—gives an account of the proceedings of the Assembly of New York—the Assembly of New Jersey are to meet at Burlington on the 14th of Nov., where he (Col. Hunter) expects to meet with great difficulties—the Council of New Jersey are divided upon the place of meeting—Col. Hunter's decision on the subject [in favor of Burlington]—an account of the settling of the palatines in the Prov'ce of New York. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 16, A. a. 5. 18 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 170.]

Nov. 14. New York. Col. Hunter to the Board of Trade.—Proceedings of the Assembly of New York—Col. Lewis Morris expelled the House for having made a speech in favor of the Governor's salary (the speech is enclosed, see S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 16, A. a. 7.) The Assembly's of New York backwardness in voting supplies, &c.—In consequence of the slow measures of that Assembly he was obliged to adjourn the Assembly of New Jersey—recommends the approval of the act passed during the Govern't of L't Col. Ingoldesby, that the Assembly should meet constantly at Burlington, which, he thinks, will unite the two divisions of the Province. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 16, A. a. C. 42 folios. Col. Morris's speech, (A. a. 7.) 20 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 177.]

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Jan. 6. Burlington. Minutes of the Assembly of New Jersey of the 2d and 4th of Jan., 1710–11, relating chiefly to the appointment of officers and the amount of their salaries. Copy. (Enclosed in Mr. Frowde's letter to Mr. Popple of 31 March, 1711.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 95. 9 folios.

[See Smith's New Jersey, p. 370, &c., for the Governor's speech and Assembly's answer at this session.]

(Jan.?) Address of Messrs. Pinhorne, Townley, Coxe, Mompesson, Sonmans, Huddy, Hall and Quary, members of the Council of New Jersey, to Gov'r Hunter, declaring themselves "in conscience bound" to preserve the prerogative from licentious encroachments, as the rights and liberties of the subject from open

violation. Copy. (Enclosed in Mr. Frowde's letter to Mr. Popple of 31 March, 1711.) S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 1, C. 95. 5 folios.

[This address is connected with one from the Assembly dated February 9th, 1710–11, printed at length in Smith's Hist., p. 376, in which they say that justice can never be duly administered so long as the parties to the above-mentioned address should continue in places of trust in the Province. See below, 1710–11, February 9.]

Jan. 17. Letter from Mr. Carkesse to Mr. Popple, enclosing an account of the quantity of unwrought foreign iron and steel exported to the Plantations from 1702 to 1710. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 7. Original. 4 folios.

Feb. 5. Letter from Lord Dartmouth to the Board of Trade, relative to the state of the manufacture of iron and steel in the Plantations in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 8. Original. 2 folios.

Feb. 6. Address of the Assembly of New Jersey to Col. Hunter against Mr. Basse, Secretary of that Province, with several petitions, depositions, &c., in support of their assertions. Copies. (Enclosed in Col. Hunter's letter to the Board, of 7 May, 1711.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 100. 80 folios.

Feb. 6. Memorial from the Assembly of New Jersey to Gov'r Hunter, representing how justice has been perverted in the Court of law, and that several guilty persons escaped with impunity. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 99. 6 folios.
(Enclosed in Col. Hunter's letter to the Board, of 7 May, 1711.)

Feb. 9. The New Jersey Assembly's representation to Gov'r Hunter—complaining of the maladministration of the Earl of Clarendon (Cornbury)—justify themselves of the several accusations contained in the L't Gov'r's and Council's address to the Lord Cornbury, the Board, &c.,—and conclude with an expression that "while Wm. Pinhouse, Roger Mompesson, Daniel Coxe, Rich. Townley, P. Sonmans, Hugh Huddy and Wm. Hall, or Jer. Basse, Esqrs., continue in places of trust, &c.," we "must with our families desert the Province, and seek some safer place of abode," &c. Printed copy, transmitted in Gov'r Hunter's letter to the Board of Trade of 21 May, 1715, (as per endorsement) though no allusion to it is made in the said letter. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 2, D. 6. 80 folios.

[Printed at length in Smith's New Jersey, p. 376, &c. See 1710–11, Jan.]

Feb. 10. The case of Thomas Gordon—in 1703 Mr. Gordon was appointed Register and Recorder of the Eastern Division of New Jersey—on the 25 Aug., 1705, Lord Cornbury made an order that he, Mr. Gordon, should deliver all public books and records to Mr. Basse, but he would not do so without first consulting the Proprietors, and for that was arrested, and kept in the Sheriff's custody until he gave bail for £2000—Lord Cornbury abused him several times—After the Proprietors were heard before the Gov'r and Coun-

cil he delivered then the books, &c. to Mr. Basse—In May, 1707, he was suspended from practising as an attorney at law—in Feb. 1706, Mr. Gordon had warrants issued against him for his apprehension, and was obliged to give bail—in May 1708 he was chosen Speaker of the Assembly, and three days after, during the adjournment, Mr. Gordon was arrested by Lord Cornbury's own warrant, but was admitted to bail again—in Dec. 1708 Lord Lovelace admitted him to practice the law as formerly—with observations on Pinhorne's conduct. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 97. 6 folios.

Enclosed in Col. Hunter's letter of 7 May, 1711.

[See Contributions to the Early Hist. of Perth-Amboy, p. 67, note.]

Feb. 10. Deposition of Thos. Farmar—Thos. Gordon, Speaker of the House, was arrested after the adjournment of the Assembly —Judge Pinhorne refused habeas corpus and would not admit him to bail—Mr. Gordon made an application by his attorney at law, Mr. John Pinhorne, and was admitted to bail. Copy. (Enclosed in Col. Hunter's letter to the Board of 7 May, 1711.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 97. 3 folios.

[For a notice of the Farmar Family, see Contributions to Early Hist. of Perth Amboy, &c., p. 92.]

Feb. 10. New Jersey. Address of the Assembly of New Jersey to the Queen—the original acts passed during the administration of Lord Lovelace are either lost or mislaid—printed copies of the said acts are sent under the seal of the Province to be laid before Her Majesty. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 6. (Duplicate.) Original. 3 folios.

Feb. 10. Address from the Assembly of New Jersey to the Queen—thanking Her Majesty for having removed Col. Ingoldesby from being their L't Gov'r, and for having appointed Brigadier Hunter to be their Governor. S. P. O. Am. and W. Indies. Vol. 6. (Duplicate.) Original. 3 folios.

Feb. 16. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Queen, recommending the approval of the act of Assembly of New Jersey, passed in 1709, entitled "An Act for ascertaining the place of the sitting of the Representatives to meet in General Assemblies." Entry. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 13, p. 138. 6 folios.

(Feb.) The Address of the General Assembly of New Jersey to Gov'r Hunter, enclosing several articles of crimes and misdemeanors against Wm. Hall, Esq., one of the Council and Judge of Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Salem. Copies. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 98. 6 folios.

Enclosed in Col. Hunter's letter of 7th May, 1711; also several affidavits, &c., against the said Hall, in support of the Address of the Assembly, contains about 26 folios more.

(Feb.) The answer of Wm. Hall, Esq., to the articles of the several crimes and misdemeanors exhibited by the Representatives of New Jersey against him. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 98. 24 folios.

(Enclosed in Col. Hunter's letter of 7th May, 1711.)

(Feb.) An abstract of the representation of the Assembly of New Jersey, on an Address communicated to them by the Lord Lovelace from the L't Gov'r and Council of that province, to Her Majesty. Copy. The representation was printed, but Col. Hunter only sent to the Board an abstract (in his own handwriting) without the preamble.

(Enclosed in Col. Hunter's letter to the Board of 7th May, 1711.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 101. 35 folios.

N. B.—In 1715, May 21, Gov'r Hunter transmitted to the Board printed copy of the entire representation, which bears date 1710–11, Feb. 9th; but no mention is made for what purpose it was done, and its transmission can only be traced by the endorsement at the back of it that such was the case.

[For the address in full, see Smith's N. J., p. 376.]

(Feb.) The answer of Jeremiah Basse, Secretary of the province of New Jersey and Clerk of the Council, to the accusations of crimes, &c., brought against him in several petitions, addresses, &c., &c. Original.

(Enclosed in Gov'r Hunter's letter to the Board of 7th May, 1711. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 102. 50 folios.

(Feb.) Copies of fourteen Bills passed by the Assembly of New Jersey, but not assented to by the Council of that province.

(Enclosed in Col. Hunter's letter to the Board of 7th May, 1711.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 103. 140 folios.

March 1. St. James'. Order of Council upon a representation from the Board of Trade of the 16th Feb., 1710–11, approving the act of Assembly of New Jersey, passed in 1709, entitled "An act for ascertaining the place of the sitting of the Representatives to meet in general Assemblies." Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 94. 4 folios.

March 16. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Col. Hunter, enclosing an order of Council of the 1st March confirming the act passed by the Assembly of New Jersey, entitled "An act for ascertaining the place of sitting of the Representatives to meet in general Assembly." Entry. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 13. 2 folios.

March 17. Order that the Board of Trade lay before the House of Lords an account of what hath been done to encourage the Plantations in America to export Naval Stores to Great Britain. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l. Vol. 9, K. 11. Original. 1 folio.

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March 31. Gen'l Post Office. Mr. Frowde to Mr. Popple—the Mail from Portugal was much damaged, so that they could not tell who the letters belonged to—he sends two papers belonging to the "West Indies," being Minutes of New Jersey Assembly, Jan. 6, 1711, and Address of some of the Council in same month to Col. Hunter. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 95. 1 folio.

[April.] Extract of a letter from [probably Dan'l Coxe,] member of the Council of New Jersey, to Mr. Dockwra—Gov'r Hunter, notwithstanding his repeated professions of impartiality, has entirely espoused the party of Morris, Johnstone, &c., and united with the Quakers—the Council presented an Address to Gov'r Hunter, but Mr. Morris, Gordon, Deacon, and Gardiner, would not sign it—the Council rejects several Bills, with reasons for their so doing—the Assembly resolved to have a new Clerk, in the room of Mr. Pinhorne, and addressed the Gov'r on the subject, who appointed one Bradford, the printer at New York—the Assembly attacked then Mr. Basse, the Secr. of the Council—the Council drew up an Address to the Gov'r in behalf of Mr. Basse, but the Gov'r is not favorable to him, and it is said that Gov'r Hunter recommended Mr. Farmar, in the room of that gentleman—several members of the Council are accused falsely—some of the delegates were expelled the Assembly—remarks upon some Bills pass'd in New Jersey—appointments of several officers in the province—he heard of a representation of the Assembly to Gov'r Hunter being put in print, but suppressed on account of the change of administration in England—Col. Quary's opinion about the Assembly is not at all favorable to them—chief officers of N. Jersey reside in New York—the Council ought to be cleared of some individuals. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 112. 50 folios.

(Enclosed in Mr. Dockwra's letter to Mr. Popple of 13th July, 1711.)

May 7. New York. Col. Hunter to the Board of Trade—great difficulties he finds in reconciling the people of New Jersey—the manner of begetting the Council's Address in the Lord Cornbury's time in answer to the Assembly's remonstrance—remarks upon several acts passed in New Jersey—the Council objected ag'st two members of the Assembly who are expelled—Major Sandford proved guilty of being bribed by a felon to contrive his escape—the Council does not support Gov'r Hunter—they voted against the Militia Act, which was carried by a casting vote from a Quaker—the Council oppose continually the acts of Assembly—they, the Council, spend their time uselessly on matters foreign to those before them—there are no hopes of peace and quiet unless Pinhorne, Coxe, Sonmans, and Hall, are removed from the Council of New Jersey—Townley is dead, Huddy is a weak man, Mompesson is son-in-law to

Pinhorne, Quary was led to join them, but he is for Her Majesty's interest—he proposes Messrs. Hamilton, Byerley, Reading, Wheeler, Lloyd, Anderson, Wm. Morris, and Parker, or some of them to be of the Council—sends several papers to prove the ill-deportment of some of the Council and the Secretary of the province—further remarks upon several acts passed by the Assembly—urges the necessity of establishing a Court of Chancery in N. Y. and N. J.—[Mr. Mompesson obnoxious to the people of New Jersey—David Jamison had been appointed Chief Justice.] N. York affairs. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 16, A. a. 34. 130 folios.

[This highly interesting despatch is printed at length in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 199. The act passed in L't Gov'r Ingoldesby's time, respecting the qualifications of representatives, he says, was "made on purpose to exclude Dr. Johnstone and Capt. Farmar from being elected." Vol. V. p. 201.]

May 7. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to Mr. ————, recommending Mr. John Kiel for Secretary of New Jersey and Surveyor General of that division—Mr. Birchfield (the Surveyor) "has taken it into his head, which I'm afraid is not very sound, to make every body and every thing uneasy here, &c." S. P. O. Am. and West Indies. Vol. 6. Original. 2 folios.

[See New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 229, &c., for a letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Commissioner of Customs, detailing and complaining of some of the actions of Mr. Birchfield. Among other things he had removed Mr. Farmar from the Collectorship of Perth Amboy, and appointed Mr. Swift, a tavern-keeper in New York, to the office.]

May 25. Salem. Address of the inhabitants of the County of Salem to Gov'r Hunter, praying not to be distrained for taxes, as the silver money is extremely scarce; also, that they may be permitted to elect new Representatives to the Assembly—signed by fourteen persons. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 123. 4 folios.

Enclosed in Gov'r Hunter's letter to the Board of 1st Jan. 1711–12.

June 29. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Col. Hunter—his letter of the 7th of May last was received and laid before the Queen—his salary cannot be paid out of the money in the Collector's hands—by the commission, Col. Hunter is empowered to establish such and so many Courts of Judicature and public justice as he and the Council shall think fit—Col. Hunter is desired in future to write about each [N. Y. & N. J.] Government in separate and distinct letters. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 59, p. 391. 9 folios.

July 9. Hampstead. Mr. Edw. Richier to Mr. Popple—Mr. Dominique will wait upon the Board, with complaints against four members of the Council of New Jersey, viz: Coxe, Sonmans, Hall, and Pinhorne; also ag'st Mr. Basse, the Secr. of that Province. Original. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 108. 3 folios.

July 13. Mr. Dockwra to Mr. Secr. Popple—on account of ill-

ness and some delay in delivering his letters from New Jersey, he could not answer Mr. Popple's letter to him of the 5th inst., (not entered in the books of S. P. O.,) neither could he appear before the Board—he sends extracts of a letter from a Member of the Council of New Jersey to him, to show the true state of the differences between the Council and Assembly of that province. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 111. 5 folios.

July 16. New Jersey. Address of the Assembly of New Jersey to the Queen, thanking Her Majesty for having ordered an expedition to subdue Canada, and informing that they have subscribed their quota for its support. S. P. O. Am. and West Indies. Vol. 6. Original. 3 folios.

[The amount authorized by the Assembly of New Jersey was equal to £5,000 currency.]

Sept. 12. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Secretary of State—Canadian Expedition—the New York quota—the Assembly of the Jerseys raised five thousand pounds for the expedition, and about 200 volunteers—further particulars of the progress of the expedition—Gov'r Hunter's opinion about putting all North America under one uniform plan of government—Gov'r Hunter suggests that Mr. Harrison may be appointed Secretary of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. Basse, who is so "obnoxious," or that he may have the place of Surveyor General. S. P. O.; Am. and West Indies. Vol. 6. Original. 45 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 252.]

Nov. 7. Memorial of Jno. Norton, P. Dominique, Jos. Ormston for George Willocks, Chas. Dunster, John Whiting, E. Richier, Jno. Bridges, Robt. Michel, Chas. Michel, and Fra. Michel, Proprietors of the province of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade—that the continuing Mr. Daniel Coxe, Peter Sonmans, and others, mentioned in their Memorial of the 26th Nov., 1709, in the Council of New Jersey, tended to promote factions and divisions in this province—the Proprietors pray that Messrs. Coxe, Sonmans, Pinhorne, Huddy, and Hall, be left out of the Gov'r's Council, and that Mr. Basse be dismissed from the office of Secretary of the province. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 110. 4 folios.

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[Papers relating to the collection of the Proprietors' quit rents in New Hackensack and Saddle River. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

1711--1719.

[Account of Thomas Gordon, Receiver General, of all his receipts and expenditures, as submitted to the Auditors. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

1711--12.

Jan. 1. New York. Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—

desires that Messrs. Coxe, Pinhorne, Sonmans, and Hall, be removed from the Council of New Jersey—sends an address from the County of Salem of an extraordinary nature, which Mr. Hall was the chief promoter of—he displaced all the gentlemen of the Council from being Judges assistants of the Supreme Court, and appointed others—his reasons for so doing—proposes to open the Court of Chancery in New Jersey by proclamation. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 122. 7 folios.

See 25th May, 1711. The Address of the inhabitants of Salem, &c.

March 1. New York. Col. Hunter to the Board—proposals of Col. Heathcote, of New York, to supply Her Majesty with naval stores, and his opinion upon it—he waits to know the Queen's pleasure about the gentlemen of the Council of New Jersey, whom Col. Hunter desired to be removed—sends two acts passed in New Jersey, and the Minutes of Council in that Province. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 16, A. a. 102. 5 folios.

1712.

[Feb. 25. New York. Governor Hunter to John Chamberlayne, relating to the proceedings of the Missionaries—course of Rev. Mr. Henderson at Burlington—had bargained with Mr. Tatham for a house and land at that place for the purposes of the mission, with the privilege of four months, wherein the Society were to decide upon its purchase.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 312.]

[March 12. New York. Governor Hunter to the Bishop of London, complaining of the acts of the Clergy, particularly of Mr. Vesey of New York.

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 310. For the difficulties encountered by Gov'r H., and the proceedings of the Clergy, &c., at this period, the MSS. of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel, (copies of which are in the possession of Rev. Francis L. Hawks, D. D., of New York,) are the best and fullest authority.]

May 13. London. Mr. Richier, on behalf of the Proprietors of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade, recommending Messrs. Anderson, Wm. Morris, Parker, Hamilton, Byerly, and Reading, to be of the Council, in place of Messrs. Pinhorne, Sonmans, Townly, Coxe, Huddy, and Hall. Original, with a separate paper giving a detailed account of the qualifications of the recommended gentlemen. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 115. 5 folios.

May 21. Whitehall. Mr. Popple to Mr. Dockwra—the Board desire his attendance on some matters relating to New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 158. 1 folio.

June 2. Pennsylvania. Mr. Jacob Henderson's account of the state of the Church of England in New York and New Jersey (such is the heading)—Col. Hunter protects Dissenters and Quakers—qualifications (Church) of the persons in the New Jersey Council

proposed to be removed, and those to be put in their stead. [Changes unfavorable to the Church.] Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 16, A. a. 101. 10 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 334. See MSS. of Society for Prop'n of Gospel.]

June 17. Remarks upon Mr. Henderson's "account of the state of the Church of England in New York and New Jersey," vindicating the character, and supporting the qualifications of persons proposed to be of the Council. (Original, without signature.) S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 16, A. a. 101. 28 folios.

See Mr. Henderson's "account, &c." 2d June, 1712.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 336.]

June 23. New York. Col. Hunter to the Board of Trade, chiefly on New York affairs—the affairs of New Jersey do not require a separate letter—sends an account of the Courts and offices in that province. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 16, A. a. 104. Extract. 2 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 339.]

June 23. (New York.) An account of the Courts of Judicature in the province of New Jersey, transmitted to the Board of Trade by Gov'r Hunter, in his letter of the 23d June, 1712. Original. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 120. 9 folios.

[July 11. Inquisition before Thomas Gordon, escheater of the province of East Jersey, into the Lands and Estate of Arent Sonmans, deceased, an alien, with the signatures and seals of the jury—with the writ to the escheater, on parchment. Whitehead MSS.]

August 14. Whitehall. Secr. Popple to the B'p of London—the Board wishes to know whether Messrs. John Hambleton, [Hamilton] Thomas Byerly, John Reading, Wm. Morris, John Anderson, and Elisha Parker, persons recommended by Mr. Dominique and others, to be of the Council of New Jersey, will meet with His Lordship's approbation. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 161. 4 folios.

[For notices of Elisha Parker and John Hamilton, see "Contributions to the early Hist. of Perth Amboy, &c.," pp. 128.168.]

August 17. Fulham. The B'p of London to Mr. Secr. Popple—sends his approval of the persons recommended by Mr Dominique and others to be of the Council of New Jersey. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 121. 1 folio.

August 27. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Queen, proposing the removal of Messrs. Pinhorne, Coxe, Sonmans, and Hall, from the Council of New Jersey, and appointing Messrs. Anderson, Wm. Morris, Hamilton, and Reading, in their places, and to fill up the vacancies by Mr. Parker and Mr. Byerly. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 13, p.163. 6 folios.

See 1713, April 15. Order of Council.

August 27. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Col. Hunter, directing him not to send over any persons as prisoners, without transmitting at the same time full proof of their guilt. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 60, p. 59. 2 folios.

Oct. 31. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—principally New York affairs—Gov'r Hunter's constant attendance on the New York Assembly, obliges him constantly to prorogue that of New Jersey—the expected difficulties between the Council and Assembly of that province—an account of the manner in which the records of the eastern division were secured from being carried over to Philadelphia by Mr. Sonmans—the taxes are paid with great difficulty. S. P. O.; Am. & West Indies. V. 6. Original (Extract.) 4 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 347.]

Dec. 16. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—New York affairs—cannot call the Assembly of New Jersey until the Queen's pleasure with relation to the Council be known—Mr. Sonmans is in Pennsylvania, where he prints and disperses the libels against the Governments—the Palatines—the Indians. S. P. O.; Am. & West Indies. Vol. 6. Original (Extract.) 1 folio.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 350.]

1712--13.

State of the actual possessions of the Crown of Great Britain in North America, at the Treaty of Utrecht. S. P. O.; Am. & W. Ind. Vol. 20. Copy. 14 folios.

Jan. 27. Letter from Mr. Lowndes to the Board of Trade—that instructions be prepared for Colonel Nicholson, His Majesty's Commissioner, for enquiring into several matters in North America, and the allowances agreed on for him, his officers, and clerks. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 21. Original. 4 folios.

[See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 400, for Gov. Hunter's comments on this commission, and March 28th, 1715.]

Feb. 5. Letter from Mr. Lowndes to the Board of Trade, enclosing Colonel Nicholson's instructions about arrears of prizes unrecovered in North America, and proposing that he be allowed one-fifth part of what may be recovered, rather than a fixed salary. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 23. Original. 16 folios.

Feb. 27. Letter from Mr. Popple to Mr. Blathwayte—the Board of Trade require a particular statement of the revenue of all monies given for public uses by the Assemblies in the Plantations in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 21. Entry. 2 folios.

March 5. Letter from the Convocation of the Clergy of New York and New Jersey to the Rev. Jacob Henderson of Pennsylva-

nia, reproving him for the defamation of characters of some gentlemen, and informing him that their next meeting will be held at Amboy for the convenience of the missionaries in Pennsylvania, before which they require from him a justification of the charge in calumniating some churchmen. (Enclosed in the Gov'r Hunter's letter to the Board, of 14 March, 1712–13.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol 1, C. 128. Copy. 4 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 354.]

March 14. New York. Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—wishes to know Her Majesty's pleasure about the alteration of Council in New Jersey—Mr. Henderson, missionary of Pennsylvania, has spoken ill of the gentlemen recommended as Councillors—the Convocation of New York and New Jersey wrote to him about it—he sends the said letter (see 5 March, 1712–13)—Mr. Sonmans absents himself from the Council; Mr. Pinhorne does not attend at all; Messrs. Townley, Gardner and Quary are dead; Mr. Coxe is going to England, so that he will hardly be able to make a quorum for business—the advantage and necessity of establishing Court of Chancery in New Jersey. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 127. 7 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 355.]

March 21. New Jersey Letter from Mr. Thos. Gordon of the Council of New Jersey, to Mr. Secretary Popple, enclosing several papers in vindication of his character and the character of Col. Anderson against the accusations of the Rev. Mr. Henderson. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 19. Original. 1 folio. Enclosures 14 folios.

Enclosing 1712–13, March 12. 2 Certificates of the Rev. Mr. Innes, &c. 1712–13, March 20. Certificate of Mr. Watts. 1712–13, March 16. Certificate of Mr. Haliday and Mr. Vaughan. 1712–13, March 21. Certificate of Mr. McKenzie.

[See Contributions to Hist. Perth-Amboy, p. 216, &c.]

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April 1. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Earl of Dartmouth, transmitting instructions and heads of inquiry for Francis Nicholson, Esq., relating to arrears of prizes, and to arrears of the rights and perquisites of the Admiralty arising in the Provinces of North America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 23. Entry. 30 folios.

April 15. St. James'. Order of Council upon a representation from the Board of Trade of the 27 of Aug., 1712, confirming the removal of Messrs. Pinhorne, Coxe, Sonmans and Hall from the Council of New Jersey, and appointing Messrs. Anderson, Morris, Hamilton and Reading in their places. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 138. 4 folios.

April 23. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Col. Hunter—New York affairs—the Acts of New Jersey are under their consideration —return of the number of inhabitants is required to be sent—New York Assembly's misbehaviour—Her Majesty approved the removal of Messrs. Pinhorne, Coxe, Sonmans and Hall from the Council of N. Jersey, and the appointment of Messrs. Anderson, Morris, Hamilton and Reading in their room; also Mr. Parker and Mr. Byerly to be added to fill up two vacancies—he is desired to use his utmost endeavours to establish agents, one for each Government. [Authorized to establish a Court of Chancery in New Jersey.] Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 60, p. 103. 18 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 360.]

May 4. Order in Council directing the Board of Trade to cause the proclamations for publishing the treaties of peace and commerce between the Kings of Great Britain and France, to be sent to the Governors in America, to be made known in their respective Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 25. Original. 2 folios.

May 8. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Gov'r Hunter, enclosing the proclamation of peace between Her Majesty and the King of France, to be published in the Provinces of N. York and New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. N. Y. Vol. 60, p. 112. 2 folios.

July 15. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Gov'r Hunter, enclosing copies of the treaties of peace with France, to be published in the Provinces of New York and New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 60, p. 118. 1 folio.

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April 6. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Gov'r Hunter—enclosing Her Majesty's proclamation and the treaties of peace with Spain, to be published in the Provinces of New York and N. Jersey. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 40. 2 folios.

April 9. Letter from Lord Bolingbroke to the Board of Trade, enclosing for their consideration the memorial of William Keith, Surveyor General of the Customs in America, praying that he may enjoy the same privilege as the late Robert Quary, whom he succeeded. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 29. Original. 5 folios.

June 5. Order in Council, referring to an Order in Council of 21st April, 1714, touching the power of the Plantations in America to enact temporary laws, and directing the Board of Trade to propose some methods to set aside practices so prejudicial to the King's interests. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 30. Original. 12 folios.

July 22. Report of Edward Northey, Attorney General, to the Board of Trade, in answer to their letter of the 10th June, relative

to the enacting temporary plantation laws. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 58. Entry. 8 folios.

Aug. 5. Order in Council, approving draft of a proclamation for proclaiming King George I. in His Majesty's Plantations in America, and directing same to be forthwith sent to the Board of Trade, to prepare the requisite number for the respective Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 50. Entry. 2 folios.

Aug. 5. Freehold, E. J. Letter from Mr. Joseph Morgan, of Freehold, in Monmouth County, in East New Jersey, to the Board of Trade, enclosing a diagram of his new invention for navigating ships, &c., against wind and tide, by means of a paddle-wheel and mechanical oars—prays that a patent of this invention may be granted to him for a certain number of years. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 25. Original. 30 folios.

Aug. 6. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Justices, with drafts of proclamations filled up for proclaiming King George I. in all the Colonies in America. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 51. 6 folios.

Aug. 11. St. James'. Order of Council approving the drafts of proclamations for proclaiming King George I. in all the Colonies in America. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 54. 2 folios.

Aug. 11. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America, with orders from the Lords Justices, and drafts of proclamation for proclaiming King George I, which they are recommended to do in the most solemn manner without loss of time. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 56. Entry. 5 folios.

Aug. 11. Letter from Mr. Popple to Mr. Burchet, enclosing packets to the several Governors in America, for proclaiming King George I., which he requests may be delivered to the captains of the two vessels appointed to carry same. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 55. Entry. 2 folios.

[Sept. 13. New York. Letter from Gov'r Robert Hunter to George Willocks, at Perth-Amboy—disappointed about the delay in fixing up his house—small-pox in New York—looking to Amboy as a retreat for his children, &c. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

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[Jan. 3. New York. Letter from Gov'r Robert Hunter to George Willocks, at Perth-Amboy—meeting of N. Jersey Council called for 19th, 20th and 21st Jan., for the purpose of "chastising that odd officer the Att. Gen'l"—to be borne with no longer—small-pox spreading.

Jeremiah Basse was the officer referred to. See East Jersey, p. 157, and Smith's New Jersey, pp. 395, 398.]

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Jan. 14. London. Reasons offered to the Board of Trade by Dr. Coxe and Mr. Samuel Coxe, his son, against renewing the commissions of Col. Hunter for the Government of New York and New Jersey. Orig'l. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 1, C. 129. 4 folios.

[These objections were ineffectual. See Governor's Commission in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 391.]

Jan. 17. Whitehall. Mr. Secr. Stanhope to the Board of Trade, requiring drafts of a commission and instructions to be prepared for Brigadier Hunter (Col.) to be Gov'r of New Jersey, pursuant to the King's commands. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 130. 1 folio.

Jan. 25. Somerset House. Caveat from the Earl of Clarendon, (Lord Cornbury,) desiring that the Act of New Jersey entitled "An Act to enable Thos. Gordon, Esq., Treasurer of this Province, to pay the sum of £999.13-3 towards the support of the Government, and for discharging the said Treasurer thereof"—and another Act of New York, be not confirmed till his Lordship be heard. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 16, A. a. 153. 1 folio.

See 1714–15, Feb. 8. Memorial from the Earl of Clarendon, and 1714–15, Feb. 4. Mr. Secr. Popple to the E. of Clarendon.

[Feb. 1. New York. Gov'r Robert Hunter to George Willocks at Perth-Amboy—refers to a rumour that Peter Sonmans was coming from England with a new Governor, based upon a letter said to have been received from Daniel Coxe. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Feb. 4. Whitehall. Mr. Secretary Popple to the Earl of Clarendon, desiring his Lordship to let the Board have his particular objections to the Acts of New York and New Jersey, against which his Lordship has entered a caveat. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 60, p. 141. 1 folio.

See 1714–15, Jan. 25. Caveat from the Earl of Clarendon, and 1714–15, Feb. 8. Memorial from the E. of Clarendon.

Feb. 8. Somerset House. Memorial from the Earl of Clarendon (Lord Cornbury) to the Board of Trade, stating his reasons why an Act passed in New York, entitled "An Act for payment of the debts of the Government of New York," and an act passed in N. Jersey, entitled "An Act to enable Thos. Gordon, Esq., Treasurer of this Province, to pay the sum of £999.13-3, &c., towards the support, &c.," ought to be rejected. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 16, A. a. 154. 6 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 398.]

Feb. 11. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, enclosing drafts of commissions for Brigadier Hunter to be Governor of New York and New Jersey. Entry. S. P. O , B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 177. 68 folios, with the enclosure.

Feb. 21. Doctor Daniel Coxe and his son's further reasons against renewing Col. Hunter's commission for the Governments of N. Y. and New Jersey—presented to the Board of Trade. [See Jan. 14, 1715.] Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 1, C. 133. 13 folios.

Feb. 23. Scheme or treatise on the advantages of the Plantation trade, of the Courts, Governors, Appeals and Complaints of the Council for Trade and Plantations, and the way to preserve and improve trade in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 39. Original. 75 folios.

Feb. 25. Letter from Mr. Secretary Stanhope to the Board of Trade, referring to their consideration a scheme or treatise relating to the Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 64. Entry. 2 folios.

March 17. Letter from the Board of Trade to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, requesting that no licenses for leave of absence be given to the councillors of his Majesties Provinces in America, without their knowledge. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 65. Entry. 2 folios.

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March 28. New York. Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade —received no directions from home except what was picked up in a wreck—the Jerseys are divided about their claims to land—Mr. Coxe is the sower of sedition—he was supported by the Att. Gen'l and Secretary—the first is suspended, and the second must be done the same with—Governor Hunter prays to be relieved from his hardships—the Assemblies grant him from year to year not half sufficient for his expenses—Mr. Mompesson, the Chief Justice, is dead, and the Gov'r appointed Mr. Lewis Morris in his place—Mr. Gordon is appointed Att. Gen'l in the room of Mr. Griffith. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 16, A. a. 174. 10 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 399.]

March 28. New York. Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Secr. Popple—sends duplicates of his former letters to the Board—much perplexed at receiving no orders from home—Col. Nicholson, who was sent there with "two strange commissions," is gone home without executing either of them, as he never came nearer than Boston—Gov'r Hunter expects relief from those who sent him to America—he has some West India plants for Mr. Popple—recommends his affairs to Mr. Popple's assistance. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 16, A. a. 176. 5 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 400.]

April 9. New York. Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Secr. Popple—prays to be assisted in his applications through Mr. Strahan—he was obliged to turn out "that vile fellow Griffith," "who has been all along an

impudent tool of L'd Cl——" (L'd Cornbury,) and that "noisy fool Coxe has betrayed the public service"—Mr. Talbot has incorporated Jacobites in the Jerseys, under the name of a church—Coxe, Griffith and Basse are Talbot's main props—the society ought to be careful in selecting their missionaries. Original. S. P. O., B. T. N. York. Vol. 16, A. a. 177. 4 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts, Vol. V. p. 401. For information relative to Rev. Mr. Talbot, see Humphrey's Historical Account of the Colonial Missions—Dorr's Hist. of Christ Church, Philadelphia; New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 473; MSS. of Society for Prop'n of Gospel.]

May 6. Whitehall. Board of Trade to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, enclosing drafts of instructions to Brigadier Hunter, as Gov'r of N. Y. and N. Jersey, for his Majesty's approbation. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 190. 300 folios, with instructions.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 402.]

May 21. New York. Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—New York affairs, relating chiefly to the Lord Clarendon's (Cornbury) misgovernment—the unruly conduct of the New York Assembly will produce pernicious effect upon the proceedings of the Assembly of New Jersey—Mr. Coxe, by the "inundation of Swedes," is elected in one of the counties—to the caveat of Mr. Coxe's father and brother, Gov'r Hunter pleads "not guilty"—submits his "woful condition" to the Board's consideration. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 60, p. 352. 26 folios.

N. B. The Original letter is missing. See 1710–11, Feb. 9. The Assembly of New Jersey's representation.

[See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 402.]

May 21. New York. Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Secr. Popple—the E. of Clarendon's objections against the New Jersey bill are ill-grounded—the balance in the treasurer's hands of £999, &c., was given by the Assembly to Gov'r Hunter in part of his dues. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 1. 4 folios.

See 1714–15, Feb. 8. Memorial from the Earl of Clarendon.

June 17. St. James'. Order of Council approving the drafts of instructions to Brig. Hunter, for the Governments of New York and New Jersey. [David Lyell's name added as Councillor.] Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 16, A. a. 178. 2 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 411. For notice of David Lyell see Contributions to Hist. of Perth-Amboy, &c., p. 84. The Editor has a miniature likeness of him by John Watson.]

June 24. Whitehall. Board of Trade to the B'p of London—the Indians in America require Protestant missionaries—their character ought to be unspotted—extract of Gov'r Hunter's letter about a missionary in the Jerseys is sent. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 301. 3 folios.

July 25. New York. Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—New York affairs—the Assembly of New Jersey adjourned until after harvest—the Western Division of New Jersey is in danger of confusion by means of Mr. Coxe—sends a paper signed by several inhabitants refusing to pay taxes—also sends copy of a presentment of the Grand Jury ag'st those who refused to pay taxes—all the opposition comes from the New England settlers—Indian (5 Nations) affairs—palatines—Acts of New York—Mr. Mompesson is dead—Gov'r Hunter appointed Mr. Lewis Morris to be Chief Justice, (of N. York,) and recommended George Clarke to be of the Council. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 17, B. C. 3. 30 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 416.]

(July.) Copy of a paper signed by 34 of the inhabitants of New Jersey, signifying their refusal to pay Francis Pagit, acting as Constable, any taxes assessed on them by a person alleged to be a Roman Catholic. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 3. 2 folios. Enclosed in foregoing.

(July.) Copy of a presentment of the Grand Jury of Salem against several inhabitants of New Jersey for refusing to obey Francis Pagit, the Constable appointed to collect the taxes laid by Act of Assembly. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 4. 2 folios. Enclosed in foregoing.

July 15. Letter from the Board of Trade to Mr. Secretary Stanhope, the King's Minister at the Court of France, to make and transmit to them a collection of the best Maps in America; few can be depended upon in England. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 75. Entry. 3 folios.

August 10. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending to approve an Act of New Jersey, entitled "An Act to enable Tho's Gordon, Esq., Treasurer of this Province, to pay the sum of £999 13s. 3d. towards the support of the Gov't, &c." Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 306. 2 folios.

August 13. New York. Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—New York affairs—endeavors to put an end to the Indian war in Carolina—received Patents for the Gov't of N. Y. and N. Jersey, and is surprised to hear of an opposition made by the Coxes to their passing—Gov'r Hunter knows nothing about Sam'l and Daniel Coxe, but Mr. Sonmans had fled from persecution "for having carried out of the Province of Jersey and embezzled all the public Records, which were seized by an accident at Burlington, &c."—Rev'd Mr. Vesey labored hard to injure Gov'r Hunter—recommends Mr. David Jamison, David Lyell, and John Bainbridge, to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Col. Quary, Mr. Mompesson, and Mr. Hall, deceased—received no new instructions—sends Minutes of

Council. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 17. B. b. 15–16. 12 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 419. For notice of David Jamison, see Field's Provincial Courts, p. 91, &c., and Contributions to East Jersey History, p. 38, &c.]

August 27. New York. Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade —acknowledges the receipt of the Treaty of Peace with Spain—remarks on several public and private Acts of N. Jersey transmitted with his letter—the tenures of land in the western division being very doubtful, an Act will be passed the next session "for ascertaining and settling the property of lands"—Mr. Sonmans, now in England, alarms the people of New Jersey with false reports—the Court of Chancery will speedily be open in New Jersey. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 9. 12 folios.

August. List of of 23 public and 15 private Acts passed by the Gov'r, Council, and the Assembly of New Jersey. Enclosed in foregoing. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 10. 6 folios.

August 31. St. James'. Order of Council upon a representation from the Board of Trade of the 10th August, confirming the Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, entitled "An act to enable Tho's Gordon, Esq., Treasurer of this Province, to pay the sum of £999 13s. 3d. towards the support of the Government, and for discharging the said Treasurer thereof. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 8. 3 folios.

October 7. Copy of Mr. Walpole's Patent, appointing him Surveyor and Auditor General of the Plantations in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 408. Copy, 28 folios.

Oct. 10. New York. Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—New York affairs—Col. Nicholson's incapacity to command the expedition to Canada—inconvenience experienced by several Acts passed in New York and New Jersey—it is reported that B'p of London has appointed Rev'd Mr. Vesey as his Commissary in New York—Gov'r Hunter hopes that Mr. Talbot will be appointed His Lordship's Commissary in New Jersey, and Mr. Phillips for Pennsylvania—"tho' I know no good they have ever done, I know no great hurt they can do at present." Original. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 17, B. b. 31. 30 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 417.]

Nov. 1. Burlington. Indictment of the Grand Jury at Burlington against Chief Justice Jamison for having enforced the Act 7 & 8 W. III., (that the Quakers' affirmation be taken instead of an oath,) regardless of an Act passed 1st Geo. I., which excludes the Quakers from serving on any jury—and for having fined Mr. Basse in £20 penalty for refusing to qualify Quakers without oath. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 28. Attested Copy. 10 folios.

Enclosed in 1716, April 30. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade.

[See Field's Provincial Courts, p. 92; and as to Jamison "Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 38; New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 478; Woodrow's Church History, III, p. 348.]

Nov. 1. Burlington. Indictment of the Grand Jury of New Jersey against Tho's Gordon, the Att. Gen'l of that Province, for having spoken disrespectful words about the Act of Parliament. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 2, D. 41. Attested Copy. 6 folios.

Enclosed in Gov'r Hunter's letter to Mr. Secr. Popple, June 8th, 1716.

Nov. 9. Perth Amboy. Gov'r Hunter to Secr. Popple—R'd Mr. Vesey arrived at Perth Amboy with a letter from the B'p of London constituting him his Commissary "in these parts," and to enquire into the truth of what Gov'r Hunter wrote about Mr. Talbot and his congregation—Mr. Talbot, Mr. Vesey, and Mr. Nicholson, concerted measures for the Governor's utter ruin—Mr. Vesey's character described. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 12. 5 folios.

[This letter, from its being among the New Jersey Papers, seems to have escaped the attention of Mr. Brodhead, and is therefore not among the copies of the New York Col. Docts., obtained by him.]

Nov. 12. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—New York affairs—observations on the inconveniences of some Acts passed at N. York and N. Jersey, with regard to the Act of the Assembly fixing their sessions to Burlington—Gov'r Hunter asks the Board "whether an instruction from His Majesty may not be sufficient to suspend the execution of that Act," &c. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 17, B. b. 35. Original. (Extract ab't N. Jersey.) 5 folios. Entire letter. 40 folios.

[Printed at length in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 457.]

Nov. 14. Perth Amboy. Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Secr. Popple—the disappointment in the manufacture of tar—Gov'r Hunter complains of the conduct of the Rev'd Mr. Vesey and Rev'd Mr. Talbot—their character—sends two extracts of Mr. Talbot's letter as a specimen of his animosity to the Gov'r—Vesey's conduct at an interview with the Gov'r. Original. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 2, D. 13. 16 folios.

[See letter from Geo. Clarke, Secr. of New York, to Secretary Popple, dated Nov. 15, 1715, printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 464.]

Dec. 14. Burlington. Indictment of the Grand Jury at Burlington against Mr. Lewis Morris, President of the Council, for having ordered Mr. Cha's Weston, Clerk of the Court, to qualify Quakers on juries, contrary to the Act of Parliament, passed in the 1st of George I. [See Dec. 22.] S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 29. Attested Copy. 6 folios.

Dec. 22. Burlington. Minutes of Council of the 22d December, 1715, containing their advice that Gov'r Hunter do dissolve the Assembly of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 30. Attested Copy. 7 folios.

Enclosed with foregoing in letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade, April 30th, 1716.

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Jan. 28. An account of the quantity of pitch, tar and masts imported from His Majesty's Plantations in America, from 1706 to 1714. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 64. Original. 6 folios.

March 22. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Hunter—several of his letters were received—in answer to his letter of the 13th of August, the Board informs, that Mr. Lyell had already been put in the Council of New Jersey in his new instructions, and that they shall recommend either Mr. Wheeler or Mr. Bainbridge to supply the place of Mr. Mompesson—Acts that are confirmed cannot be set aside, but another Act may be proposed to amend the former—the Board heard nothing of Mr. Sonmans since his arrival in England—the Act to enable Tho's Gordon to pay £999, &c., is confirmed—the other Acts are under the Board's consideration—as to Mr. Vesey and Mr. Talbot, the Board will endeavor to make Gov'r Hunter "easy" in that matter. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 326. 9 folios.

[See New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. pp. 471 & 473. The Board requiring Gov'r Hunter to write upon the affairs of New York and New Jersey in separate despatches; the number of documents referring to New Jersey in the printed volumes of the New York papers, &c., become fewer from this time onward.]

April 4. Perth Amboy. Gov'r Hunter's Speech to the House of Representatives of the Province of New Jersey, met at Perth Amboy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 31. Printed Copy. 6 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade, April 20th, 1716.

April 16. Whitehall. Letter from the Secr. Popple to Gov'r Hunter—the Board have taken such measures as to relieve him of Mr. Vesey and Mr. Talbot's business—the Acts of New Jersey, and particularly the private ones, require to be sent to the Attorney or Solicitor General, but they may lay there for ever for want of an Agent to pay their fees—the same case with respect to Councillors, the Board may recommend, but they cannot be confirmed, unless the fees in the Council and Secretaries' office be paid—hence the necessity of having an Agent for each Province. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 60, p. 440. 4 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 472.]

April 30. Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—the minds of the common people of New Jersey are inflamed by that "turbulent man, Coxe," assisted by "the furious zeal of Mr. Talbot"—the inconveniences of the Act for the Assembly's constant sitting at Burlington—not safe to hold either Assembly or Courts at Burlington—the Grand Jury there indicted the Chief Justice, the Presid't of the Council, and the Att. Gen'l, for doing their duty—by the advice of the Council Gov'r Hunter dissolved the new Assembly for their ill-practices—the new Assembly is something better, the Quakers having carried the election at Burlington ag'st Mr. Coxe—they met at Amboy—Mr. Coxe struggled against it, and carried an address to remove the Assembly to Burlington—Gov'r Hunter, in pursuance of his new instructions, could not give his consent to the removal—Mr. Coxe's conduct in the Assembly—his objection to pay taxes followed by others, but was distrained, and his goods sold—the Assembly, met now at Amboy, elected Mr. Coxe their Speaker—the Gov'r's Speech—remonstrance about the separate Govern't—further acc't about Mr. Coxe—Quakers, the only friends of the Government, cannot serve on juries in criminal cases—Mr. Coxe and his party are assisted by the advices "and arts of that vilest of prostitutes, Basse," &c.—Gov'r Hunter desires the law ab't Quakers' affirmation may be confirmed—observations on some Acts of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 27. Orig'l. 30 folios. Enclosures. 1715, Nov. 1. Indictment ag'st the Chief Justice Jamison. 1715, Dec. 14. Indictment ag'st the President of the Council of N. Jersey. 1715, Dec. 22. Minutes of the N. Jersey Council. 1716, April 4. Gov'r Hunter's Speech to the Assembly.

[See Smith's New Jersey, p. 404; Gordon's New Jersey, p. 90.]

May 1. (Amboy.) Letter from Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Secretary Popple, enclosing two papers or "preachments" of the Quakers at the late election, relating chiefly to the differences existing between the Gov'r and Mr. Coxe. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 26. Originals. 14 folios.

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May 19. (Perth Amboy.) Gov'r Hunter's Speech to the Assembly of New Jersey, desiring them to oblige their absent fellow-members to attend the meetings. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 34. Copy. 3 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade, June 6th, 1716.

May 23. Perth Amboy. Address of the Assembly of New Jersey to Gov'r Hunter, recapitulating the conduct of Mr. Coxe, and informing him of his expulsion from the House. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 36. Copy. 4 folios.

Enclosed in letters from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade of June 6th, 1716, Feb. 13th, 1716–7, and May 24th, 1717.

May 25. Perth Amboy. A Congratulatory Address of the Council and Assembly of N. Jersey to the King upon the suppression of the Scotch Rebellion. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 35. Copy. 6 folios. Enclosed with foregoing.

May 29. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Secr. Popple—Mr. Coxe and his friends are expelled the House—the new election will go easy and well "in spite of Talbot and his Church, his champion and his Bishop." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 32. Original. 1 folio.

May 29. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Ambrose Philips (his Agent)—Coxe and his party expelled the House of Assembly of N. Jersey—Talbot and the Church support Coxe—Talbot must be got rid of—Mr. Philips will be well rewarded for taking trouble in the New Jersey affairs—Mr. Gooking, L't Gov'r of Penn'a, is going home "Coxe's Embassador Extraordinary"—Mr. Philips is desired to "watch him." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 32. Original. 4 folios.

June 6. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—Mr. Coxe and his party are expelled the House of Assembly in N. Jersey—Mr. Coxe is in Bristol, in Pennsylvania, where his party, headed by the Rev'd Mr. Talbot, meet him—recapitulation of the causes which induced the Assembly to expel Mr. Coxe and his party—the affairs of New York. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 33. Original. 9 folios.

Enclosing Papers of 1716, May 19; 1716, May 25; 1716, May 23.

June 8. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Secr. Popple—Coxe and his party—subscription is being raised for Coxe and Talbot to go over to England—Gov'r Hunter doubts Coxe's going over—sends the indictment ag'st the Att. Gen'l of N. J. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 40. Original. 1 folio.

Enclosure. Indictment of the Grand Jury of N. Jersey, against Tho's Gordon, the Att. Gen'l of that Province. Nov. 1, 1715.

June 8. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Secretary Popple, transmitting Minutes of Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 42. Original. 1 folio.

July 7. Philadelphia. Copy of a letter from Mr. Coxe to Capt. Allison at Burlington—Mr. Sonmans and Mr. Street urge the necessity of making "a regular complaint against (their) oppressor"—"they both declare 'twill cost much more money to solicit the affaire now than it would if the affaire had not been starved before"—good affidavits are necessary, certificates will do no good—directions how to proceed, and what documents to be obtained. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 14. 5 folios.

Enclosed in letters from Gov'r Hunter of Nov. 16, 1716, and Feb. 13, 1716–17.

Oct. 2. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—after Mr. Coxe's expulsion from the Assembly, subscription was raised—Mr. Coxe, with one Bustall, "a very mean wretch," embarked for England—Mr. Coxe carries some papers with him, which Gov'r Hunter is ready to answer—a proclamation issued for the Assembly's meeting at Burlington—sends an Act of New Jersey to enforce the payment of the Taxes, and the Minutes of Assembly—he will send the Treasurer's accounts. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 44. Original. 9 folios.

[Oct. 8. Gov'r Robert Hunter to George Willocks at Amboy—his house wanted by Mr. Morris for Ensign Hooper—a set of wheels to be ordered from Woodbridge for his chaise—to meet the Council at Burlington next month. Original. Rutherford MSS.]

Nov. 1. London. Letter from Samuel Bustall to his wife—describes the voyage from N. Jersey to England—the progress that Mr. Coxe, &c., have made in the business against Gov'r Hunter—Lord Chancellor and Lord Townshend favour them—Mr. Coxe's connections—change in Mr. Sonmans' affairs—their chief object is to obtain a separate Government. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 63. Copy. 10 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Mr. Phillips to Secr. Popple, July 4, 1717.

Nov. 12. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—New York affairs—the small-pox raging at Burlington, he is advised to adjourn the Assembly of New Jersey—the Bills of Credit in the Jerseys expire, but the taxes to sink them are not yet paid, owing to the bad example of Mr. Coxe and his party. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 17, B. b. 71. Original. 6 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 481.]

Nov. 16. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Secretary Popple—sends copy of a letter from Mr. Coxe to Capt. Allison, (forwarded to him in the original by the Chief Justice at Burlington,) in order that it may be laid before the Board. Original. (See July 7, 1716.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 14. 1 folio.

[Nov. 27. A project by William Pinhorne to raise twenty thousand pounds, by paper bills of credit, for the encouragement of trade—"a true copy per me, T. Arents." Whitehead MSS.]

Nov 27. Gov'r Hunter's Speech to the House of Assembly at New Jersey—their address and his answer thereto. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 57–8. Printed Broadside. 6 folios.

Enclosed in letter of 1717, May 24.

[This Assembly met at Crosswicks, in consequence of the prevalence of small-pox at Burlington. Smith's New Jersey, p. 408.]

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Jan. 11. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Mr. Secr. Methuen, enclosing copies of letters from Gov'r Hunter to Secr. Popple of 16th November, 1716, and from Mr. Coxe to Capt. Allison of 7th July, 1716, in order to show what indirect measures are taken to make uneasy the Governors of the Plantations. Entry. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 332. 1 folio.

Jan. 21. Affirmation of John Wills, to the effect that Gov'r Hunter settled the dispute between John Wetherill and an Indian (N. Jersey) Chief about some land fraudulently obtained, by ordering the s'd Wetherill to deliver up the deed of sale—(John Wills was one of the first settlers at Burlington.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 49. Copy. 15 folios.

Enclosed in letter of Gov'r Hunter of 1716–17, Feb. 13.

Jan. 22—25. Burlington. Examinations of Thomas Wetherill and John Kay about the transaction between John Wetherill and an Indian Chief, and that Gov'r Hunter ordered the said John Wetherill to deliver up to the Indian Chief the deed of sale of some land fraudulently obtained. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 49. Copies. 10 folios.

Enclosed in letter of Gov'r Hunter's of 1716–17, Feb. 13.

Jan. 25—26. Chesterfield. List of 16 Acts of Assembly passed in New Jersey the 25th and 26th of January, 1716–17. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 47. Draft, 8 folios.

Enclosed in letter of Gov'r Hunter's of 1716–17, Feb. 13 and 1717, May 24.

[See Smith's New Jersey, p. 408.]

Jan. 29. Letter from Mr. Secretary Methuen to the Board of Trade, requesting, for the King's information, an account of the naval stores furnished by the Plantations in America, and the encouragements necessary to be given to procure greater supplies. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 71. Original. 2 folios.

Feb. 6. New York. Certificate of George Clarke about some timber cut for the Canada Expedition, belonging to one Hartshorn at Sandy Hook, and that a reasonable price was offered for it. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 50. Orig'l. 2 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade, Feb. 13, 1716–17.

[Feb. 12. New York. Gov'r Hunter to George Willocks—had informed the ministry that by one who had it from Mr. T [albot,] and one of credit, too, he had notice of designs, [against the Quakers] which he, Mr. T., had prevented the execution of—if Talbot does not renounce what he said, hopes that Willocks will give his oath as to what he (Willocks) had communicated to him (Hunter.) See May 20th, 1717. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Feb. 13. New York. Gov'r Hunter to George Willocks, referring to a petition praying for the revocation of letters of administration granted to Willocks on the estate of sons of John Palmer—petition enclosed—"It is time I were on the other side, [of the Atlantic,] being so ill-us'd by almost all on this side whom I have oblig'd; but be on what side I will, they may live to repent, which is all the harm I wish them." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Feb. 13. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—had "a very happy session of Assembly" at New Jersey—sends copies of his Speech and the Assembly's Address [neither of them are with the letter]—also a list of 16 Acts passed during the session—observations upon some of the Acts—Mr. Talbot gave Gov'r Hunter some faint light towards the discovery of a plot—Gov'r Hunter forgiven all those that have submitted—the New Jersey is now a quiet Province—sends some papers to bear him out against some accusations—the public service will prevent his availing himself of the license (leave of absence.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 45. Original. 14 folios.

(Enclosures.) 1716, July 7. Letter from Mr. Coxe to Capt. Allison. 1716–17, Jan. 22 & 25. Examinations of Wetherill and Kay. 1716–17, Jan. 25 & 26. List of 16 Acts of New Jersey. 1716–17, Jan. 21. Affirmation of John Wills. 1716–17, Feb. 6. Certificate of George Clarke. 1716, May 23. Address of the Assembly of N. Jersey to Gov'r Hunter.

March 18. Memorial of William Bird, Esq., concerning the propagation of Hemp and other Naval Stores in His Majesty's Plantations in America, humbly offered to the Lords of Trade. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 100. Entry. 17 folios.

March 18. Representation of Thomas Coram to the Board of Trade, transmitting, in accordance with their Lordships' commands, his ideas relative to a supply of hemp and iron from the Plantations in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 83. Orig'l. 12 folios.

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April 3. Amboy. Letter from Mr. Willocks to Gov'r Hunter—finds Mr. Talbot scrupulous to discover the names of those that were concerned in the "wicked design"—he hopes to prevail upon him to make a further discovery. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 75. Copy. 1 folio.

Enclosed in 1717, May 23.

[For information relative to Mr. Willocks, see "Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 80.]

April 3. Perth Amboy. Letter from Mr. Talbot to Gov'r Hunter—offering an excuse for not being sooner with the Governor, but in the course of few days he will come to New York. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 62. Copy. 2 folios.

Enclosed in 1717, May 24. Letter from Gov'r Hunter; and 1717, May 23. Memorial from Mr. Philips.

April 8. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—sends 16 Acts passed at the last session of the Assembly of New Jersey—that Province enjoys more tranquillity than before —Mr. Coxe's accomplices are ashamed of him—if Coxe, Mullford, and Sonmans are away, the people of N. Jersey would be "easier"—Mr. Talbot is come to Amboy—he is unwilling to be informer, but will not decline being an evidence. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 52. Original. 9 folios.

May 3. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—Minutes of Council of New Jersey transmitted—nothing was heard of Coxe, Sonmans, and Mullford, and their business—the want of a guard ship—two Pirates are on the coast. Original. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 15. 4 folios.

May 13. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to Secr. Popple—cannot use his leave of absence for fear of causing dissensions in New Jersey—Mr. Coxe wrote to his friends that New Jersey is to be a separate Government—Hunt, the murderer of the High Sheriff of Salem county, confessed that one inducement to commit the deed was, that he was made to believe that Col. Coxe was to be the Gov'r of the Province—insists upon Coxe, Sonmans, Mullford, and Huddy being prosecuted—leaves that business in the hands of his Agents. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 17, B. b. 53. Orig'l. 6 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 482.]

May 16. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Governor of the Plantations—no illegal trade to be carried on between their several Colonies and the French Settlements in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 113. Entry. 6 folios.

[May 20. New York. Gov'r Hunter to George Willocks—had received a copy of a "most villainous and groundless complaint preferred to the King in Council by Coxe"—it had been referred to the Lords of Appeal—to prevent the necessity of going to England, will require the good offices of his friends—Willocks to obtain the testimony of [Rev'd Mr.] Talbot in relation to some of the matters. See to John Barclay, same date.] Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[May 20. New York. Gov'r Hunter to "John Barclay, one of the Justices of Perth Amboy," sending a draft of an affidavit to be sworn to by George Willocks, relative to what he had been told by Mr. Talbot of threats uttered against the Quakers at Burlington, at the time of election, to burn their meeting house and dwellings, which he had prevented being carried into execution. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

May 21. Perth Amboy. Affidavit of George Willocks of Perth Amboy about the conduct of Mr. Talbot, shewing his weak-

ness towards Mr. Coxe and Mr. Basse's persuasions. S. P. O., B. T. NewJersey. Vol. 2, D. 60. Copy. 10 folios.

Enclosed in Gov'r Hunter's letter of 1717, May 24.

[See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 483.]

May 23. Memorial from Mr. Philips, Agent for New York, to the Board of Trade, relating to complaints against Gov'r Hunter, and enclosing copies of letters from Mr. Talbot and Mr. Willocks about the designs of his accusers. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 75. Original. 2 folios.

Enclosing (1717,) April 3, Letters from Mr. Talbot and Mr. Willocks to Gov'r Hunter.

May 24. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Secr. Popple—received copy of Mr. Coxe's complaint, which he will communicate to the Council of New Jersey before giving an answer to it—observation on Mr. Coxe's conduct—Mr. Talbot's repentance—one Hunt killed the High Sheriff of Gloucester, upon hearing that Mr. Coxe was going to be Gov'r of New Jersey—Clement's recantation—Gov'r Hunter does not dare to use his "License" (leave of absence) for fear of disorders in New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 56. Original. 11 folios.

Enclosures. 1716–17 Jan. 22 and 25. Examinations of Wetherill and Kay. 1716, Nov. 27. Gov'r Hunter's speech to the Assembly of New Jersey. 1717, May 21. Affidavit of George Willocks. (1717,) April 8. Letter from Mr. Talbot to Gov'r Hunter.

May 25. Perth Amboy. Minute of Council of New Jersey upon a petition of several traders, &c. of New Jersey to the King, containing articles of complaint against Gov'r Hunter, for his arbitrary and illegal proceedings in the government of that Province, bearing 51 signatures—the Council giving their opinion that the petitioners "for the most part are the lowest and meanest of the people of this Province"—"influenced by Mr. Coxe." S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 55. Copy. 23 folios.

Enclosed in the despatch following.

May 27. New York. Letter from Governor Hunter to Mr. Secretary Popple, enclosing minutes of Council upon a petition of several traders, &c. of New Jersey to the King, containing articles of complaint against him. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 55. Original. 3 folios.

Enclosing the foregoing.

July 3. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Secr. Addison—enclosing an extract of Gov'r Hunter's letter to Mr. Secr. Popple, of 13 May, 1717, relating to the ill practices made use of to keep up disorders in New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 335. Entry. 1 folio.

July 4. Letter from Mr. Philips (agent for N. Y.) to (Secr.

Popple,) enclosing copy of Mr. Bustall's letter, of Nov. 1, 1716, which is to be added to the papers given to [Mr. Popple,] in vindication of Gov'r Hunter. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 63. Original. 1 folio.

Enclosing letter from Samuel Bustall to his wife, Nov. 1, 1716.

July 27. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Philips, agent of New York, communicating to him his answers to the several complaints contained in the petition of the inhabitants, &c., of New Jersey, (see 1716, May 25,) and desiring the same to be laid before the Board of Trade. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 396. Entry. 60 folios.

Enclosing copies of several affidavits, petitions, addresses, letters, &c., bearing dates 1716 and 1717, being papers of proofs to Gov'r Hunter's answer to complaints. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 65, 66, 67 and 68. About 600 folios.

(July.) Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—Indians at Albany—having received Mr. Coxe's complaints against him, he has sent a satisfactory answer—all the divisions in New Jersey are owing to Mr. Coxe. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 17, B. b. 76. Original. 12 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 483.]

Aug. 13. New York. Gov'r Hunter to Secr. Popple—Mr. Huddy and Mr. Parker, two of the Council of New Jersey, are dead; Mr. Byerly is a little better, and Mr. Deacon, through age, unable to attend—recommends Mr. Peter Fretwell and Mr. John Wells in the Western Division, and John Read in the [Eastern] for Councillors. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 18-19, 2. Original. 2 folios.

[See Contributions to East Jersey History, p. 129, for Mr. Parker's character.]

Aug. 22. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Addison to the Board of Trade, communicating the King's satisfaction with the conduct of Brigadier Hunter, in the government of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 18. Original. 2 folios.

Aug. 24. Affidavit of John Drummy, of New York, merchant, relating to some letters of Mr. Coxe and others against Col. Hunter, the copies of which are herewith enclosed. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 77. Attested copies. 36 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Mr. Philips to Mr. Secr. Popple, Feb. 11, 1717–18.

Sept. 4. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Hunter—the King is very well pleased with his conduct, as he will perceive by the enclosed letter of Mr. Addison to the Board, of the 22d Aug. last, which the Gov'r Hunter is to publish. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 337. Entry. 2 folios.

Sept. 18. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Mr.

Secr. Addison, with the draft of additional instructions for the passing of Acts in the Plantations in America, that may affect the trade and shipping of England. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 134. Entry. 4 folios.

Sept. 28. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Secr. Popple—Coxe, Bustall, Mulford and Sonmans to be discountenanced at home—New York affairs—Mr. Huddy and Mr. Parker of the N. Jersey Council are dead—Mr. Peter Fretwell and Mr. John Parker are recommended to fill the vacancies. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 39. Original. 4 folios.

[For John Parker see Contributions to East Jersey History, pp. 129, 130.]

Oct. 4. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Gov'r of New Jersey, requiring to send them distinct accounts of the revenue of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 139. Entry. 3 folios.

Oct. 8. Hampton Court. Draft of a warrant to the Gov'r of New Jersey for using the new Seal of the Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 338. Entry. 2 folios.

Oct. 11. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Hunter, transmitting the additional instructions, warrant and seal for New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 141. Entry. 1 folio.

Oct. 10. Letter from Mr. Secretary Addison to the Board of Trade, transmitting additional instructions to the Governors in America, not to pass Acts which in any way affect the trade or shipping of Great Britain. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 140. Entry. 1 folio.

Nov. 9. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Secr. Popple—having instructed Mr. Philips in the affairs of New Jersey, he did not write to the Board—it is hoped that the Board will put a stop to the seditious practices of Mr. Coxe—Elisha Parker and John Reading, two of the Council of New Jersey, are dead, and Mr. John Parker and Mr. Peter Fretwell are recommended in their places—the inefficiency of the N. Jersey Council, some ill and superannuated, some non-resident—New York affairs. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 71. Original. 5 folios.

Nov. 14. Report of the Attorney and Solicitor General to the Board of Trade, on certain queries relative to the proclamation issued in America concerning pirates. S. P. O. B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 113. Original. 9 folios.

Nov. 21. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending Mr. John Parker, Mr. Peter Fretwell and Mr. John Wells to be of the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 340. Entry. 2 folios.

Nov. 22. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to Mr. Secr. Popple—New York affairs—Mr. Mulford has sent over some blank petitions to be signed in the Province—Gov'r Hunter complains of "the uneasiness on the other side," after he has made the Provinces and himself "easy." S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 17, B. b. 99. Original. 5 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 494.]

Nov. 27. St. James'. Order of Council upon a representation from the Board of Trade, of the 21 of Nov., appointing John Parker, Peter Fretwell and John Wells, Esqrs., to be of the New Jersey Council. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 2, D. 74. Copy. 4 folios.

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Mr. Secr. Popple to Sir William Thomson, the Solicitor General, for his opinion upon an Act passed in New Jersey in Jan., 1716, to repeal "An Act for the ascertaining the place of the sitting of the Representatives to meet in General Assembly." S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 13, p. 417. Entry. 2 folios.

Dec. 9. Letter from Sir Wm. Thomson, the Sol. Gen'l, to Mr. Secr. Popple, giving his opinion in favor of the Act passed in New Jersey in Jan., 1716, to repeal "An Act for the ascertaining the place of the sitting of the Representatives to meet in General Assembly." S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 2, D. 69. Orig'l. 2 folios.

Dec. 10. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Sir Wm. Thomson, the Solic. General, desiring his opinion upon the following Acts passed in New Jersey in 1713: "An Act to lay a duty upon wheat exported, &c." "An Act that the solemn affirmation, &c. of Quakers shall be accepted, &c." "An Act, &c., for establishing fees, &c." In 1716–17, "An Act for the better inforcing an ordinance of, &c., Gov'r Hunter, &c., for the further establishing fees, &c." S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 13, p. 419. Entry. 3 folios.

See 1717, Dec. 19. Letter from Sir Wm. Thomson.

Dec. 11. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending the approval of the Act of New Jersey, passed in Jan. 1715–16, entitled "An Act to repeal a former Act, &c., for the ascertaining the place of the sitting of the Representatives to meet in General Assembly." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 420. Entry. 2 folios.

Dec. 19. Letter from Sir Wm. Thomson to the Solic. Gen'l, to Mr. Secr. Popple, in answer to his of 10 Dec., objecting to the Acts passed in New Jersey in 1713, for establishing fees, and for accepting the Quakers' solemn obligation instead of an oath, and giving his opinion in favour of the Act of laying the duties on wheat exported —and the Act to enforce the ordinance for establishing fees. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 70. Original. 3 folios.

Dec. 31. Memorial from Mr. James Smith, Secretary of the Province of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade—the late Acts

passed in New Jersey reduced the fees and profits of the Secretary's office, so that it was not possible for any one to subsist on them. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 73. Original. 4 folios.

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Jan. 27. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King in Council—recommending the confirmation of the Act of the New Jersey Assembly, passed in 1713, that a solemn affirmation of the Quakers be received instead of an oath, as the Gov'r of that Province represented the necessity of it. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 426. Entry. 2 folios.

Jan. 30. Order in Council directing the Board of Trade to present the names of persons fit to execute the commissions for trying pirates in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 118. Original. 3 folios.

Feb. 3. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Hunter—acknowledgment of several of his letters—the Board congratulates Gov'r Hunter upon the peaceable condition of New Jersey—he need not be apprehensive of any attempts of his adversaries—Mr. Philips laid before the Board the papers in answer to the accusations, which are very satisfactory—the King approved of the persons recommended by him for the Council of New Jersey—directions to be given to the proper officers to make out an account of the imports from the Madeiras and Western Islands, for three years past—methods to be devised to prevent the French from injuring the Plantation trade—the Board desire to know why Col. Ingoldesby had no authority to pass the Acts of Assembly of N. Jersey—Mr. Coxe's and Mr. Joyce's letters are forwarded to Mr. Secr. Addison. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 13, p. 428. Entry. 15 folios.

[For Hunter's answer to the inquiry relative to Ingoldesby, see New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 508.]

Feb. 10. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with the names of persons appointed Commissioners for trying pirates in America, (i. e. for New York, East and West New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.) S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 174. Entry. 7 folios.

Feb. 11. Letter from Mr. Philips, agent for New York, to Mr. Secr. Popple, offering further proofs of the unjustifiable treatment of Gov'r Hunter by his adversaries, and encloses an affidavit for that purpose. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 2, D. 76. Original. 5 folios.

Enclosing 1717, Aug. 24. Mr. John Drummy's affidavit.

Feb. 13. St. James'. Order of Council upon the representations from the Board of Trade, of 11 Dec. 1717, and 27 Jan., 1717–18, confirming two Acts passed in New Jersey in March, 1713, and Jan., 1715–16. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 78. Copy. 6 folios.

March 5. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Hunter—to endeavour to pass an Act in the Provinces under his government to prevent the adulteration of pitch and tar in the Plantations, as no premium will be allowed unless the article is saleable. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 195. Entry. 3 folios.

March 16. St. James'. Order of Council referring to the Board of Trade a petition of several inhabitants and traders of New Jersey to the King, against an Act of that Province concerning the solemn affirmation of Quakers, &c. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 79. Attested copy. 3 folios. (Without the enclosure.)

Enclosing the following.

Petition of the several inhabitants, &c., of New Jersey to the King, praying that the Act passed in that Province, that the solemn affirmation and declaration of the people called Quakers, shall be accepted instead of an oath, &c., be not confirmed. (The petition bears eleven signatures; to each of them a note in pencil is attached, stating their places of residence, profession, &c., one of the petitioners being a "Jew.") S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 79. Attested copy. 11 folios.

Enclosed in foregoing.

March 20. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Hunter, enclosing the Order of Council, of 13 Feb., 1717–18, confirming two Acts passed in New Jersey in March, 1713, and Jan. 1715–16. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 13, p. 438. Entry. 1 folio.

1718.

April 19. Amboy. Gov'r Hunter's speech to the Assembly of New Jersey—recommending them to grant supplies—to advance the trade—the Assembly of New York appointed Commissioners to run a division line to act in conjunction of the Commissioners that shall be appointed in N. Jersey—to which speech is added [without date] the Gov'r's message, much of the same tenor. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 81. Copies. 8 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade, May 3, 1718.

(April 20.) Address of the Assembly of New Jersey to Gov'r Hunter, promising to grant the necessary supplies, and praying to adjourn the House till the fall or the winter season. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 82. Copy. 4 folios.

Enclosed in the next.

[See Smith's New Jersey, p. 411.]

May 3. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—every thing in New Jersey continues to be "easy"—owing to the harvest the Assembly was adjourned until the fall of the year—encloses his Speech and the Assembly's Address—Gov'r Hunter was

obliged to nominate four Councillors, John Johnstone, John Parker, Peter Fretwell, and John Hugg, Esqrs.—desires their confirmation. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 80. Original. 3 folios.
Enclosing the two foregoing.

June 18. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, in reply to the Order of Council of the 16th March, 1717–8—the petition of the inhabitants of New Jersey against the Act passed in that Province for allowing the affirmation of the Quakers to be accepted instead of the oath, the Board had under their consideration—the Act passed in 1713, and no complaint was made until now, and it was after the Royal confirmation was sent over to the Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 440. Entry. 6 folios.

July 1. Kensington. Order in Council directing one of the Secretaries of State to have warrants prepared for the King's signature granting commissions to the Governors in America for pardoning pirates. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 129. Attested Copy. 4 folios.

July 3. Letter from Mr. Secretary Craggs to the Board of Trade—the Commissions for pardoning pirates to be sent to the Plantations before those for trying pirates—wishes to know to which Governor they are to be sent. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 198. Entry. 2 folios.

July 4. Letter from the Board of Trade to Mr. Secretary Craggs, naming the Governors to whom the Commissions for pardoning pirates should be sent, which are nevertheless to include all the Plantations. S P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 199. Entry. 3 folios.

July 4. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending Mr. Hugg, to be confirmed of the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 443. Entry. 2 folios.

July 7. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—received new Seals—the old one of N. Y. broke in Council—the next day Gov'r Hunter will go to New Jersey and do the same—the King's nomination of John Parker, Peter Fretwell, and John Wells received—the same favour is requested for John Johnston. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 17, B. b. 141. Orig'l. 2 folios.

July 11. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—sends back the old Seal of New Jersey broken—begs that a correction in the letters for new Councillors be made as regards George Deacon, who is to be superseded by John Wells—he was a just and faithful servant to the Crown, "and this will break the old man's heart." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 84. Original. 3 folios.

July 21. Kensington. Order of Council constituting Mr. John Hugg one of the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 87. Attested Copy. 3 folios.

July 23. Whitehall. Letter from the Secr. Popple to Gov'r Hunter—the Board are glad that all things in New Jersey are easy —there is an evident mistake about the Councillors—the necessity of having an Agent well versed in the affairs of the Province—sends a list of the Council as they stand on the books of the Board—the Board finds that formerly Miles Foster, John Read, and Adam Hude, were recommended by the Gov'r for the Eastern Division, and Jno. Harrison, Robt. Wheeler, and John Bainbridge, for the Western—what is the reason that none of them are put in the Council ?—to send six names for each division—explanation of the Board's letter of 16th May, 1717. [See Nov. 3, 1718.] S. P. O , B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 444. Entry. 10 folios.

July 24. Letter from Mr. Secretary Craggs to the Board of Trade—the Commissions for pardoning pirates in the American Colonies, when they have passed the Great Seal, should be forthwith transmitted to the respective Governors. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 203. Entry. 2 folios.

July 25. Letter from the Board of Trade to Mr. Secretary Craggs—they have directed the Governors in the Plantations to publish Proclamations in their respective Governments, in accordance with their Commission for pardoning pirates, and suggesting whether the King should not also issue his own Royal Proclamation to the same effect. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 204. Entry. 4 folios.

August 7. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—sends an acc't of the revenue of New Jersey during his administration, but there is no Auditor in that Province—New York affairs. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 17, B. b. 155. Orig'l. 8 folios.

Enclosing 1718, Sept. 23. An account of the revenue of New Jersey.

August 21. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Hunter, with a Commission to pardon pirates. S. P. O., B. T. Jamaica. Vol. 63, p. 119. Entry. 3 folios.

August 21. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Mr. Secr. Craggs, (of the Council,) with the amendments to be made in the instructions to the Governors in America—[New Jersey being one of them.] S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l. Vol. 38, p. 206. Entry. 2 folios.

[Sept. 22. New York. Gov'r Hunter to George Willocks, referring to administration on the Winders Estate, and to the misconduct of Dr. Halliday, (Missionary at Perth Amboy)—"I wish the

country could get ridd of him at any rate. I shall transmitt to the Society what the Vestry sent." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[See "Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 216.]

Sept. 23. An account of the revenue of New Jersey during the administration of Gov'r Hunter, *i. e.*, from the 23d of June, 1715, to the 23d of September, 1718. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 89. Original. 15 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade, August 7, 1718.

Nov. 3. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—New York affairs—in New Jersey every thing is "tranquil"—their Assembly is adjourned until the beginning of January. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 17, B. b. 166. Original. 1 folio. (Ex't ab't N. Jersey.)

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 519.]

[Nov. 3. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to Secretary Popple—answers the enquiries in his letter of 23d July, 1718—mistake in the list of Councillors received from him—Wm. Morris dead for many years, and never in the Council—room for John Johnstone in the Eastern Division, and "the continuation of the good old man, George Deacon, for the Western"—Miles Foster and Robt. Wheeler dead, and John Bainbridge altogether unfit—continues his recommendation in case of vacancies of John Reid, Adam Hude, John Johnstone, Thomas Leonard and John Harrison for the Eastern Division, and John Reading, (son of previous John,) Peter Baird, John Muirhead, and Anthony Woodward, for the Western.

Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 520.]

Nov. 27. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Rich'd West, Esq., (Att. Gen'l,) desiring his opinion upon 3 Acts passed in 1713–14 and one in 1716–17, enclosing, for his information, copy of a Memorial of Mr. Smith, Secr. of New Jersey, [see 1717, Dec. 31,] and extract of a letter from Gov'r Hunter of 12th Nov., 1715. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 449. Entry. 2 folios.

Dec. 10. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Sir Wm. Thomson, Sol. Gen'l, desiring his opinion upon an Act of New Jersey passed in January 1716–17, entitled "An Act to naturalize Jacob Arents and his three children," particularly how this Act is consistent with the Acts of Parliament. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 13, p. 450. Entry. 2 folios.

Dec. 11. Letter from Mr. Richard West (Att. Gen'l) to the Board of Trade, in answer to the letter of Mr. Secr. Popple of Nov. 27th, giving his opinion against confirming the three Acts passed in New Jersey in 1713–14, unless some clauses be amended—no mention is made of the Act passed in January, 1716-17, and sent by Mr. Popple for Mr. West's consideration. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 85. Original. 4 folios.

Dec. 31. Custom House. Account of the quantity of timber (for which no bounty is granted) imported from the Continent of America from 1707 to 1717, with amount of duties thereon. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 136. Original. 20 folios.

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Jan. 7. Custom House. Letter from Mr. Clarkesse to Mr. Popple, relative to the King's share of fines and forfeitures on breach of the Acts of Trade, and the difficulty in recovering the same. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 142. Original. 5 folios.

(Jan. 15.) Letter from Mr. Ferd. John Paris to Mr. Secr. Popple, desiring an authentic copy of the Minutes of Council of New Jersey of 8th Dec., 1713. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2 D. 86. Orig'l. 1 folio.

[Feb. 29. Will of Colonel Caleb Heathcote of New York. Copy. Whitehead MSS.]

March 5. Letter from Sir William Thomson, Sol. Gen'l to the Board of Trade, in answer to the letter of Secr. Popple of the 10th Dec., giving his opinion in favor of the Act passed in New Jersey to naturalize Jacob Arents and his three children. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 88. Original. 1 folio.

March 11. Navy Office. Letter from Mr. Percival to Mr. Popple, enclosing an account of the quantities of tar, pitch, and turpentine, imported from America from 1713 to 1717. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 149, 150. Original. 8 folios.

March 13. Custom House. Account of the quantity of pitch and tar imported from the Plantations in America in the year 1718. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 9, K. 153. Original. 6 folios.

1719.

[April 21. Will of William Heathcote of London, an ancestor of the Johnston family of Amboy, brother of Caleb Heathcote of New York. Copy. Whitehead MSS.]

[May 12 & 13. "Resolutions of the Proprietors of the Eastern Division of N. Jersey met at Perth Amboy, respecting the raising of money for defraying the charge of running the division line" between the two divisions, in accordance with an Act of Assembly. Original, with signatures. Rutherfurd MSS.]

May 27. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—Sends the Acts of Assembly and the Minutes of Council and Assembly of New Jersey—should any of the Acts require explanation, he hopes soon to give such to the Board personally—the Assembly of New York sitting—when Gov'r Hunter comes over he can silence any objections that may be made by Mr. Coxe and others against the Boundary Acts of N. Jersey—sends a printed copy of

the Revenue Act of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 92. Original. 6 folios.

Enclosing the following.

(May.) An Act for the support of the Government of the Province of New Jersey for two years, to commence 23d Sept., 1718, and to end the 23d of Sept., 1720. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 93. A printed copy. 60 folios.

Enclosed in foregoing.

June 6. New York. Letter from Gov'r Hunter to the Board of Trade—Sends the Minutes of the Assembly of N. Jersey, which he could not forward by the last conveyance—the Assembly of New York—Gov'r Hunter's ill state of health—the stingy nature of the Assembly of New Jersey would not allow an Agent. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 94, 95. Original. 3 folios.

[June 27. Philadelphia. Letter from James Logan to Daniel Coxe, London, about New Jersey affairs. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS. Original in the possession of Penn'a Hist. Soc.

Printed in N. J. Hist. Soc. Proceedings, Vol. III. p. 15.]

August 7. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Hunter, desiring to have the best Map and information they can get of the boundaries of New Jersey, so far as it may border on the French or other Foreign Plantation!!!! S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l. Vol. 38, p. 264. Entry. 3 folios.

[Gov'r Hunter had left the Province before this date. See his last letter in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 529.]

Aug. 22. Perth-Amboy. Proclamation of Lewis Morris, Esq., President of the Council of New Jersey, calling upon the Assessors of the Counties of Burlington and Hunterdon to do their duty in assessing the Public Taxes, and desiring the Att. Gen'l, Judges and Justices to make strict inquiry if any money be concealed. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 2, D. 101. Printed Broadside. 5 folios.

Enclosed in Letter from L. Morris, Esq., Presid't of N. Jersey to the Board. 1719, Nov. 21.

Aug. 26. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Hunter, relating to the Act of Parliament against Clandestine running of Goods, so far as relates to the Premiums of Pitch and Tar, and transmitting rules for producing that commodity, also of Hemp. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l. Vol. 38, p. 267. Entry. 4 folios.

Sept. 24. New York. Report of the Council of New York to Presid't Schuyler on Allane Jarratt's Petition, recommending the providing of a new and accurate Mathematical Instrument, in order the better to ascertain the Latitude, for the purpose of drawing a

Boundary Line between that Province and New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 99[a]. Copy. 5 folios.

Enclosed in 1719, Nov. 21.

[See Schuyler's letter to the Board, Oct. 31, 1719. Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 531, relative to the importance of running the Boundary line without delay.]

Oct. 12. Perth Amboy. Memorial of the Proprietors of New Jersey (signed by J. Barclay, D'y Reg'r) to Col. Morris, President of the Council of that Province, relating to the drawing up a Boundary Line between N. Jersey and New York—(it relates chiefly to the ascertaining of the 41 degree of N. L.) with several Hist. facts. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 100. Original. 75 folios.

Enclosed with foregoing.

—— Petition of several of the Inhabitants of the Province of New York to Presid't Schuyler, praying "that the Commiss'rs and Surveyors of that Prov'ce deliver in a Journal of their proceedings, and that their business be stopped until the King's pleasure of the allowance or disallowance of the Boundary Act be known." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 98. Copy. 24 folios.

Enclosed with foregoing.

—— Petition of Allane Jarrat, Surveyor of the Prov'ce of New York to Presid't Schuyler—Finds great difficulty in ascertaining the Latitude—is in want of a larger and better Mathematical Instrument—conscientiously cannot proceed with the Boundary Line between this Province and New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 99. Copy. 5 folios.

Enclosed with foregoing.

Nov. 8. Letter from Mr. L. Morris, Presid't of the Council of New Jersey to Secr. Popple—The Board's Letters of the 7th and 26 Aug. received—The ascertaining the Boundary line between N. York and N. Jersey was put a stop to by the former Province—The Proprietors of New Jersey presented him with a memorial. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2.. D. 96. Original. 2 folios.

[See New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 533.]

Nov. 21. Perth Amboy. Letter from Lewis Morris, President of the Council of New Jersey to the Board—Council could not meet till August—Assessors of the Taxes neglect their duty, and he dares not prosecute them—The Bounds of New Jersey—the necessity of a partition line between New York and New Jersey—owing to Gov'r Hunter's departure the marking of the partition line was stopped—sends several papers referring to it—The Manufacture of Tar—Hemp raising—Presid't Morris changed some officers—The Bills of Credit struck. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 97. Original. 24 folios. Enclosing

[1719.] Petition of the Inhab'ts of N. York to Pres. Schuyler.

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1719, Sept. 24. Report of the Council of New York to Pres't

Schuyler. 1719, Oct. 12. Memorial of the Prop'rs of N. Jersey. 1719, Aug. 22. Presid't Morris's Proclamation.

Dec. 8. Boswell Court, Lincolns-Inn-Fields. Caveat of Mr. Daniel Coxe against an Act passed in New Jersey (in March, 1719,) Entitled "An Act for running and ascertaining the Line of partition or Division between the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Prov'ce of New Jersey, and for preventing disputes for the future, &c." S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 3, E. 45. Original. 2 folios.

1720.

(March 28. "Received.") Sundry Regulations for the Plantation Trade in America, humbly offered to the consideration of the Board of Trade, by Archibald Cuming. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 1. Original. 11 folios.

April 19. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Craggs to the Board of Trade.—The King appointed William Burnet, Esq. to be Gov'r of New York and N. Jersey—desires the drafts of his Commission and Instructions. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 18, C. c. 4. Original. 1 folio.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 536.]

May 4. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Mr. Secr. Craggs, in answer to his of 19 April, enclosing the drafts of Commissioners for W. Burnet, Esq., to be Gov'r of New York and New Jersey, for the King's approbation. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 1. Entry. 72 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 538.]

(May.) Memorial from Mr. James Smith, Secretary of the Province of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade, praying the alteration in some Acts, whereby the fees of his office are reduced. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 90. Original. 4 folios.

May 12. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Mr. James Smith—The Board desire to be informed what were the fees of the Secr. of N. Jersey, before the passing of the Acts for regulating them. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 26. Entry. 1 folio.

May 19. St. James'. Order of Council approving Mr. Burnet's commission to be Gov'r of New York and New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. York. Vol. 18, C. c. 43. Copy. 2 folios.

May 20. Memorial from Brigadier Hunter to the Board of Trade, suggesting an alteration in the instructions to the Gov'r of New York and New Jersey, that he be directed to recommend to the Legislatures of both Provinces respectively, the settlement of a revenue for the support of the Government. S. P. O., B. T. N. York. Vol. 18, C. c. 6. Original. 5 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 540.]

May 31. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Mr. Secr. Craggs, enclosing a representation upon and a draft of instructions for W. Burnet, Esq., as Gov'r of New York and New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 27. Entry. 200 folios.

[John Johnstone and Francis Harrison were added to the list of Councillors for New York, and John Johnstone, Jr., for East Jersey; Peter Baird and John Reading for West Jersey. See New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 541.]

June 11. St. James'. Order of Council approving the draft of instructions for Mr. Burnet, Gov'r of New York and N. Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 18, C. 44. Copy. 2 folios.

Aug. 10. Whitehall. Circular letter from Wm. Popple to Brigadier Hunter, Governor of New Jersey, enclosing queries relative to his Government, and requesting him to give particular answers to the same. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 283. Entry. 6 folios.

Aug. 11. Answer to the queries sent from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Hunter, with regard to the situation, boundaries, govern't, trade, manufacture, produce, &c., &c., of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 95, 96. Original. 5 folios.

Sept. 21. Whitehall. Order in Council approving drafts of an additional instruction to the Governors in America, relative to their passing money bills, and ordering same to be prepared for signature. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 18. Attested copy. 2 folios.

1720--25.

Sept. 23. An account of all the receipts and payments of the Treasury of the Western Division of New Jersey, towards the support of His Majesty's Government from the 23 Sept., 1720, to the 23 Sept., 1725. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 25. Original. 38 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade, Dec. 19, 1726.

1720.

[Sept. 27. Lords Justices to Gov'r Burnet—Additional instructions prohibiting the passage of any Act authorizing the issue of bills of credit without a suspending clause until the consent of the King was obtained. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1720--21.

March 16. Memorial from Mr. Smith, Secr. of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade—The Assembly of that Province, in order to punish Mr. Basse, the former Secretary, did pass several Acts affecting the fees, he (Mr. Smith) being his successor, suffers now great loss by the said Acts. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 103. Original. 5 folios.

March 21. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Burnet—To move the first Assembly of New Jersey that they

should re-establish the Secretary of the Province's fees, or find out some other equivalent to remunerate Mr. Smith—to examine into the matter, and to give a true state of the matter. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 102. Entry. 5 folios.

1721.

May 9. Letter from Mr. Popple to Mr. West—Requesting him to prepare the draft of a saving clause, to be inserted in all private Acts passed in the Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 293. Entry. 1 folio.

May 20. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Mr. Gee of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Richier of New Jersey, desiring their attendance at the Board on a certain day, when Mr. Gookin's petition for a grant of some small barren islands in Delaware river, shall be taken into consideration. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties. Vol. 31, p. 236. Entry. 2 folios.

June 10. Custom House. Letter from Mr. Clarkesse to Mr. Secr. Popple, enclosing one from Mr. Harrison of New York, concerning a discovery of a copper ore in New Jersey, and the carrying of the same to Holland. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 104. Original. 3 folios.

[June. New York. James Alexander to Robert Hunter in England—Business matters—"The Governor [Burnet] when at Burlington, very much delighted in your island there, and got vistas cut from a point upon it to Burlington, the Point House, Birch creek, John Hummels—up the river—Bristol, and down the river, which from that point gave a most agreeable prospect. I believe it will be a considerable satisfaction if you'll make the title of it to him." Had married Mrs. Provost on the 1st Jan. preceding. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Governor Burnet arrived in New York in September, 1720. For a sketch of his career in New Jersey, see Contributions to East Jersey History, p. 154.]

June 20. Whitehall. Letter from the Secr. Popple to Secr. Lowndes, (of the Treasury,) relating to copper ore being carried from N. Jersey to Holland, and as there is no law to prevent it, consequently it deserves the notice of Parliament, in order to prevent the ill-consequences to the King's revenue. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 105. Entry. 2 folios.

June 30. Whitehall. Letter from the Secr. Popple to the Att. and Solic'r Generals, desiring their opinion whether Delaware river, or any part thereof, or any islands therein laying, are conveyed to Pennsylvania or New Jersey by their respective grants. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties. Vol. 31, p. 237. Entry. 1 folio.

Aug. 1. New York. Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—Sends printed copies of speeches, addresses and other documents—printed them at his own charge, that the country may have a his-

tory of the Assembly's undutiful proceedings—George Willocks, a professed Jacobite, was bound to be of good behaviour—observations on the elections for the Assembly—proposals to subdue the turbulent spirit of the Assembly—irregularities committed in passing several Acts of the Assembly—many original copies are not to be found—many Acts are not ratified at home—New York affairs. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 1. Original. 30 folios.

Enclosing the following.

—— Speeches and addresses during the sitting of the Assembly of New Jersey begun at Burlington, the 28th of Feb., 1720–21, and an Act for the support of the Government as it was passed by the Assembly of New Jersey, the 3d of May, 1721, and as it was amended and passed by the Council of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 3, E. 2. 32 folio pages of a close print. About 180 folios.

[See New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 585, and Smith's New Jersey, pp. 414—418.]

Aug. 5. Mr. Attorney and Mr. Solicitors Generals' opinion that the islands in Delaware Bay and the river belong to the Crown, and not to either New Jersey or Pennsylvania. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 2, D. 105. Original. 3 folios.

Aug. 21. Letter from Lord Townshend to the Board of Trade—The King's commands that their lordships report on the state and condition of the Colonies in America, together with the most fit methods for the better governing and security of same. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 20. Original. 3 folios.

Sept. 8. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to His Majesty on the situation, strength, manufacture and produce, etc., of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 336. Entry. 8 folios.

Sept. 1. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—If the islands in Delaware river be granted to Capt. Charles Gookin, such of them as are settled by other inhabitants should be excepted—that the government of such islands, when granted, be annexed to New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties. Vol. 31, p. 238. Entry. 10 folios.

[Oct. 20. New York. James Alexander to Charles Dunster in England—Giving an account of the Act proposed in the New Jersey Assembly for incorporating the Proprietors of East Jersey—he and Col. Morris the chief opponents of the measure. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Oct. 25. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Lord Carteret, Secretary of State, with the draft of an additional instructions to the Governor of N. Jersey, relating to the Bishop of London's power of licensing ministers and schoolmasters in the Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 437. Entry. 7 folios.

(Oct. 27. "Received.") Memorial of Mr. Joseph Gee, relative to the trade of the Plantations in America, particularly with respect to iron, copper, hemp, flax, timber, &c. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 24. Original. 63 folios.

[Nov. 11. Deed from the Indians to John Harrison, for lands on Millstone river. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Nov. 11. St. James'. Order in Council approving four drafts of additional instructions to the Governors of New Jersey, N. York, Carolina and Barbadoes, empowering the Bishop of London to license ministers and schoolmasters in the Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 26. Attested copy. 3 folios.

[Nov. 30. Additional instructions from the King to Gov'r Burnet, prohibiting the preferment of any clergyman to an ecclesiastical benefice in the Province, not furnished with a certificate from the Bishop of London that he conformed to the Church of England. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Dec. 22. Report of Henry Newman to the Board of Trade, upon the bill before Parliament for the further encouragement of the importation of naval stores from America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 25. Original. 10 folios.

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Jan. 10. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending the repeal of three Acts passed in New Jersey in 1713-14, viz., An Act for shortening the law-suits, &c.—an Act for acknowledging and recording the deeds, &c., of land—and an Act for enforcing the observation of the ordinance for establishing fees, &c. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 108. Entry. 8 folios.

Jan. 20. St. James'. Order of Council declaring the King's disallowance of the three Acts of New Jersey, passed in 1713–14, specified in the representation from the Board of Trade of the 10th inst. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 3. Copy. 5 folios.

Feb. 22. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Burnet, enclosing order of Council of the 20th of Jan., disallowing three Acts passed by the Assembly of New Jersey in 1713–14, (see the titles of the Acts in the representation of 10 Jan., 1721–22.) S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 111. Entry. 3 folios.

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April 17. Perth Amboy. Copy of an Act to oblige clerks and other officers that keep any public records within the Province of New Jersey to give security, &c.—passed by the Assembly, but rejected by the Council of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 8. 8 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board, May 25, 1722.

April 20. Perth Amboy. Minutes of the Council of New Jersey, containing the reasons for which Gov'r Burnet suspended Mr. George Willocks from sitting in that Council. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 9 b. Copy. 5 folios.

Enclosed with foregoing.

May 1. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing additional instructions for the Governors in America, relating to the Acts of trade and navigation, particularly with regard to the trade from the East Indies. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 443. Entry. 160 folios.

[May. Survey of Seven Miles Beach, Cape May County. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

May 10. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Treasury, relative to the necessity of sending a fit person as Surveyor General of the woods in America, to take care of all timber serviceable for the royal navy. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 38, p. 501. Entry. 4 folios.

May 17. St. James'. Order in Council approving drafts of instructions to the Governors in America, relative to the laws now in force for regulating trade, more particularly with regard to that from the East Indies, and directing same to be prepared for the King's signature. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 37. Attested copy. 3 folios.

May 17. St. James'. Order of Council, upon a report on Capt. Gookin's Petition for some Islands on Delaware River, directing the Board to particularize which of the said Islands appear to be improved, and consider whether it would be most proper that the persons who have improved such Islands should be quieted in the possession thereof, paying a quit rent to the Crown, or whether they should be allowed a compensation, &c. S. P. O., B. T. Proprieties. Vol. 11, R. 14. Original. 15 folios.

May 24. New Jersey. Memorial of John Gosling to the Board of Trade, proposing an instruction to the Governors in America, empowering them to let to farm, or license persons upon reasonable conditions, the advantages that may accrue upon their discovery of Royal Mines there. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 6. Original. 5 folios.

May 25. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—The order of Council for repealing 3 Acts passed in N. J. in 1713–14, shall be published, and the Secretary's Office put in possession of its just pretensions—the intrigues of a Cabal, headed by George Willocks, whom the Gov'r suspends from the Council—proceedings with the Assembly of N. Jersey—three vacancies in the Council of New Jersey, caused by the death of Mr. Gordon, the incapacity of speech of Mr. Byerly, and suspension of Mr. Willocks—

Mr. James Alexander, Mr. James Smith, and Mr. Wm. Eirs are recommended to fill them. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3. E. 7. Original. 10 folios.

Enclosures. 1722, April 17. An Act of the Assembly of N. Jersey rejected by the Council. 1722 — The Gov'r's speeches to the Assembly of N. Jersey and their Address. 1722 — An Act for the security of His Majesty's Govern't of New Jersey. 1722, April 20. Minute of the N. Jersey Council.

May 31. Description of the Island of Burlington, in Delaware River, given in to the Board by Col. Coxe, with the view of dissuading the King from granting it to any private individual—it being of great convenience to the inhabitants of Burlington by way of recreation, and in case the Province of New Jersey should have a separate Gov'r, it would be a suitable place for his residence. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 4. Copy. 10 folios.

[June 3. Additional instructions from the King to Governor Burnet, calling his attention to a rigid enforcement of several Acts for regulating Trade and Navigation. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

(June 8.) An account of the Islands lying in Delaware River, particularizing the same, and distinguishing the improved Islands from the unimproved, and describing in what the improvements consists. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 5. Draft. 4 folios.

June 14. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Sir Robert Raymond, Att. Gen'l, enclosing a copy of Gov'r Burnet's Speech to the Assembly of New Jersey, and desiring his opinion on the subject of the alteration of the present Constitution of the Assembly there. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 113. Entry. 2 folios.

June 14. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King--Description of the several Islands on Delaware River—the King may grant away all the Islands except the Hollander's Creek Island, Carpenter's Isl'd, Tenecum, Fisher's Island, and the Island of Burlington, which are considerably improved, and that they may be a part of the Govern't of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. Proprietics. Vol. 31, p. 248. Entry. 12 folios.

June 17. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—Sends the Minutes of Council and Assembly of N. Jersey --the Acts shall be sent by the next conveyance--New York affairs, wherein some chances are proposed in the Council of that Province, *i. e.*, to remove Mr. John Johnstone, who constantly resides in New Jersey with his family, and is the very person who fomented all the mischief in New Jersey, in conjunction with Willocks, the "Jacobite." S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 19, C. c. 92. Orig'l. 8 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 649.]

July 5. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending James Alexander and James Smith, Esqrs., to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. Gordon, deceased, and Mr. Byerly, incapacitated through age. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 115. Entry. 2 folios.

[*James Alexander.*—It is to be regretted that no Biography of this distinguished man has yet been written. There are abundant materials to be obtained. For many years he was among the most influential leaders of both New York and New Jersey. For notices of him, see Duer's Life of Lord Sterling, and Smith's New York. The public documents of both provinces give evidence of his ability, and his manuscripts, which are in the Rutherfurd Collection, illustrate his character and exhibit his moral worth.]

July 18. Whitehall. Letter from Secr. Mr. Popple to Gov'r Burnet, acquainting him that the Board have recommended Mr. Alexander and Mr. Smith to be of the Council of New Jersey; but as regards the suspension of Mr. Willocks, they have agreed to take the matter into their consideration. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 116. Entry. 2 folios.

July 19. Kensington. Order of Council upon a representation from the Board of Trade of the 5th inst., appointing James Alexander and James Smith, Esqrs., to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. Gordon, dec'd, and Mr. Byerly incapacitated through age. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 10. Copy. 3 folios.

Oct. 3. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—Transmits six Acts passed in New Jersey on the 5th of May, 1722, with observations upon them. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 14. Original. 12 folios.

Nov. 3. Boston. Letter from Mr. Archibald Cuming, Naval Officer, to (Mr. Popple) enclosing a scheme for maintaining five or six thousand troops on the Continent of America, for the better protection of the Colonies against the French and Indians. S P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 48. Original. 17 folios.

Nov. 13. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Sir Robt. Raymond, Att. Gen'l, desiring his answer to the letter sent to him on the 14th of June last on the subject of the alteration of the present Constitution of the Assembly of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 118. Entry. 1 folio.

Dec. 12. New York. Extract of a letter from Gov'r Burnet to the R't Hon'ble Lord Carteret—It is confidently reported that silver, even gold mines, are to be found in New Jersey—several persons declared that if they could be certain in whom the title lay, and that they should have a reasonable share of them, they would make discovery, &c., never otherwise—Gov'r Burnet's remarks upon it—queries? what right and title is remaining in His Majesty, and what in the Proprietors' to the said mines. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 11. Copy. 14 folios.

—— Two speeches of Gov'r Burnet to the Assembly of New Jersey, *i. e.*, 1721–22, March 7, and 1722, May 5, and an Address from said Assembly to Gov'r Burnet. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 9. Printed copy. 11 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade, May 25, 1722.

An Act for the security of His Majesty's Government of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 9 a. Printed copy. 38 folios.

Enclosed with foregoing.

1722--23.

[Feb. Documents referring to the issue of £40,000 in bills of the Province, signed by R. L. Hooper, John Parker, Peter Bard, and James Trent, showing the process of signing, numbering, and distribution among the different counties. Whitehead MSS.]

Feb. 1. Whitehall. Order of Council requiring the Board of Trade to consider whether an instruction should be sent to the Governor of New Jersey to prevent the passing of private Acts till His Majesty's pleasure be known thereon. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 42. Original. 3 folios.

Feb. 14. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Sir Robt. Raymond, Att. Gen'l, desiring his answer to the letter sent him 14th June, 1722, on the subject of the alteration of the present Constitution of the Assembly of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 120. Entry. 1 folio.

Feb. 14. Mr. Secretary Popple to Mr. Att. & Mr. Sol. Generals, desiring their opinion in point of law, "what right and title is remaining to His Majesty in the gold and silver Mines, (found in N. Jersey,) and how far the present Proprietors have the right in the said Mines." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 119. Entry. 2 folios.

[Feb. 23. Additional instructions from the Lords Justices to Gov'r Burnet—Not to give his assent to any private Act, until proof be made before him in Council, that notice had been given in the several Parish Churches for three Sundays successively before being brought before the Assembly; and all such Acts to have suspending clauses. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

March 21. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Mr. Rich'd West, desiring his opinion upon the New Jersey Act vesting the lands of the late Robert Burnet, Esq., &c., and reminding him of the several references from the Board lying before him. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 121. Entry. 1 folio.

[Robt. Burnet was the purchaser, March 23d, 1682, of John Heywood's one-twenty-fourth of East Jersey, a large portion of which was yet undisposed of at the time of his death.]

March 21. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to the Att. & Sol. Generals, desiring their answer to his letter of the 14th of February last, respecting the King's and the Proprietors' rights to the gold and silver Mines said to be discovered in New-Jersey. S P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 122. 2 folios.

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(March 26.) Memorial of John Burnet, merch't, to the Board of Trade, praying that "An Act for vesting the lands, late the estate and inheritance of Robt. Burnet, Esq., late of the county of Monmouth, in the Province of New Jersey, in Trustees, to be sold and disposed of for the payment of debts," may receive His Majesty's confirmation. S. P. O.,B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 12. Original. 2 folios.

[See Elizabethtown Bill in Chancery, p. 85.]

March 29. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council, with draft of additional instructions to the Governors in North America, relating to the passing of private Acts. S. P. O., B. T. Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 39, p. 6. Entry. 5 folios.

April 11. Report of Mr. Rich'd West, Sol. Gen'l, to the Board of Trade, giving his opinion upon an Act of N. Jersey, vesting the lands of the late Robert Burnet, Esq., &c., referred to him March 21, 1722–23. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 13. Original. 2 folios.

[May 17. Deed from the Indians to John Johnson and George Willocks, for lands in Bergen, on the "Pohquanock River, * * one English mile and a halfe in a strate line above where Pompton River meets with said Pochquanock River." Original. Whitehead MSS.]

May 24. Memorial of Merchants and others trading to New Jersey and the other Colonies in America to the Board of Trade, requesting that persons may be appointed who are well skilled in raising and manufacturing Stores for the Navy, with power to instruct the inhabitants in America, so that the Act relating to same may not prove ineffectual. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 44. Original. 7 folios.

May 29. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to Mr. Secr. Popple, with Naval Officers' acc'ts for New York and New Jersey, and acknowledging the appointment of James Alexander and James Smith, Esqrs., as Councillors for New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 19, C. c. 115. Original. 2 folios.

[June 19. New York. John Hamilton to George Willocks at Amboy—"James Alexander, I am told, is appointed Attorney General of Jersey." * * "I have not enjoyed one bit of [ease] since I saw you—you know I can't vent myself here, and ask y'r pardon

for doing it to you; but to whom else can I open." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

For notice of John Hamilton, see "Contributions to Hist. of East Jersey," p. 168.]

June 27. Whitehall. Order in Council approving draft of additional instructions to the Governor of New Jersey, forbidding him to pass any private Act without inserting a clause therein to prevent its taking effect until the King's pleasure should be known. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 45. Attested copy. 3 folios.

[Instructions to the effect of the above had been issued in February, see Feb. 23d, 1723.]

July 4. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Sir Robert Raymond, Att. Gen'l, desiring to have an answer to his letters of the 14th June and 13th Nov., 1722, on the subject of the alteration of the present Constitution of the Assembly of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 123. Entry. 1 folio.

July 9. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Burnet—New York affairs—the Board approves of the conduct of Gov'r Burnet to prevent the destruction of the Secretary of New Jersey's rights, &c.—James Smith and James Alexander, Esqrs., are recommended to be of the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 61, p. 318. Entry. 7 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 697.]

July 10. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Rich'd West, Esq., Sol. Gen'l, desiring his opinion upon several Acts passed in New York and New Jersey, to which is attached a list of ten Acts of New Jersey, passed in 1719, and six Acts in 1722. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 124. Entry. 7 folios.

Sept. 16. Report of Sir Rob't Raymond, Att. Gen'l to the Board, in answer to Mr. Secr. Popple's letter of 14th June, 1722, giving his opinion on the subject of the alteration of the present Constitution of the Assembly of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 15. Original. 7 folios.

Sept. 27. Burlington. Gov'r Burnet's Speech to the Assembly of New Jersey, and two Addresses from the said Assembly in answer to the Speech. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 17. Printed broadsides. 15 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade, Dec. 16, 1723.

[Nov 21. New York. John Hamilton to Charles Dunster in England—The talk of mines very much over—none but Mr. Schuyler's [at Belleville, near Newark,] succeeding—was interested in one at Rocky Hill—had been at work six months—ore yielded three-fourths pure copper, but the veins were small and scattered, and the labour dear—Mr. Stevens interested with him, who would sell a part

—Major Axtell, then in England, a "hearty well-wisher of Jersey" —anxious to engage some of his friends to settle at Amboy. Orig'l. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Nov. 30. Report of the Att. and Sol. Generals to the Board of Trade, giving their opinion that only the Base Mines within New Jersey passed to the grantees, and that the words of the grant are not sufficient to carry Royal Mines, the property whereof still remains in the Crown. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 18. Original. 3 folios.

Dec. 16. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—Thanks for the appointment of two Councillors for New York, and two for New Jersey—the Assembly of New Jersey granted a fund of £1000 a year for the support of the Govern't for ten years—this act creates paper money in New Jersey, which Province has little or no foreign trade—the bills to be sunk in ten years—N. York affairs—sends the naval officers' accounts—sends two addresses in answer to his speech to the Assembly of New Jersey—a Chief Justice (Mr. Wm. Trent) appointed, with £200 a year salary—the late Chief Justice Jamison could not do his duty on account of his old age—[Mr. Trent "universally beloved."] S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 19, C. c. 131. Original. 35 folios.

Enclosing Gov'r Burnet's speech to the Assembly of New Jersey, Sept. 27, 1723.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 700. Wm. Trent was among the early settlers of *Trenton*, and from him did the town receive its name. See Field's Provincial Courts, pp. 105, 106.]

1723--26.

—— An account of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasury for the Eastern Division of New Jersey, from the year 1723, (Dec.) to 1726, (Oct.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 26. Original. 30 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade, Dec. 19, 1726.

1723.

Dec. 23. Report of Mr. Richard West to the Board of Trade, giving his opinion upon several Acts of New Jersey, passed in the year 1722. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 50. Original.. 13 folios.

Dec. 24. Letter from Mr. Rich'd West to the Board of Trade —Giving his opinion upon several Acts of New Jersey Assembly, passed in 1719. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 46. Original. 12 folios.

—— Congratulatory address of the Governor, Council and Representatives of New Jersey to the King, upon the discovery of

the late conspiracy. S. P. O. Am. West Indies. Vol. 7. Original. 8 folios.

Duplicate copy presented February 1722–24, is in S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 385.

[This was what Hume calls a "pretended conspiracy" to seize the bank and exchequer, proclaim the Pretender, &c.]

—— A scheme showing the method of issuing and sinking bills of credit for forty thousand pounds, made current in New Jersey by an Act of the tenth of this present Majesty, Anno 1723. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 20. Draft. 12 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade, May 12, 1724.

1723--24.

Jan. 7. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending the alteration of the present Constitution of the Assembly of New Jersey, as proposed by Gov'r Hunter in his letter to the Board, of 1 Aug., 1721, and enclosing a draft of the additional instruction for that purpose. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 128. Entry. 13 folios.

Jan. 23. St. James'. Order of Council upon a representation of the Board of Trade, of the 7th of Jan., approving the draft of instructions for Gov'r Burnet, on the subject of the alteration of the present Constitution of the Assembly of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 16. Copy. 3 folios.

[Feb. 25. London. Robert Hunter to James Alexander—Expecting a strenuous opposition when it comes—Wishes more and stronger reasons for the New Jersey paper bill, in order to secure the approval of the Ministers—his commission (as Att'y General) had passed. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

March 9. Letter from Lord Carteret to the Board of Trade, requesting a report of their opinion on what methods should be adopted for the better government of all the Colonies in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 50. Original. 2 folios.

1724.

May 12. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—Transmits five Acts passed in New Jersey in Nov., 1723—observations upon "an Act for an additional support of this Government, and making current forty thousand pounds in bills of credit, for that and other purposes therein mentioned"—the necessity of such an Act—officers ill-paid—scarcity of silver—the people cut their Spanish gold into small bits, and sometimes their rings and ear-rings—no foreign trade, and the people of New Jersey in dealing with N. York or Pennsylvania receive only paper bills—gold and silver is saved to send to England for goods—the benefit of a paper currency—good credit of New York bills—reasons of the discredit of Carolina bills, and the fall of the bills in New England—remarks upon the Governor's instructions about the revenue—acc't of the tax

raised—the mode of sinking the bills—remarks upon the payment of taxes in grain or produce—general advantages of such a bill—ill consequences upon the disallowance of such a bill—a scheme to explain the design of the said Act is enclosed—also further reasons for passing the Act. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 19. Original. 40 folios.

Enclosures. A scheme showing the method of issuing and applying, &c., and the following.

(May 12.) Further reasons for passing an Act of New Jersey, entitled "An Act for an additional support of Government, making current forty thousand pounds in bills of credit, for that and other purposes therein mentioned." S. P. O. Board of Trade. N. Jersey. Vol 3, E. 21. Draft. 9 folios.

June 4. Report from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing for his Majesty's approbation drafts of an additional instruction to the Governors in America, against passing any Acts for laying duties on European goods imported in English vessels. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 17. Entry. 4 folios.

July 15. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Duke of Newcastle, communicating the opinion of the Att. and Sol. Generals, (see 1723, Nov. 30,) that only the base and not the royal mines are conveyed to the Proprietors of New Jersey by their charter. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 14, p. 134. Entry. 2 folios.

July 23. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Rich'd West, Esq., desiring his opinion upon three Acts passed by the Assembly of New Jersey, in Nov., 1723, viz., An Act for an additional support of the Government, &c.—an Act concerning the duties of the Commissioners appointed to manage the loan offices, and an Act for the more effectual putting in execution an Act for regulating of fences. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 135. Entry. 2 folios.

Aug. 22. Windsor. Order in Council approving the draft of an additional instruction to the Governor of New Jersey, against passing Acts relating to the duties upon European goods imported in English vessels, and directing same to be prepared for the King's signature. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 53. Attested copy. 3 folios.

—— Memorandum—That Lewis Morris, Sen'r, the late Chief Justice of New York, be made Governor of New Jersey, and that Mr. Clark be the L't Gov'r of New York. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 7. Draft. 1 folio.

1724--25.

Jan. 2. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade, recommending Mr. Robert Lettice Hooper to be Chief Jus-

tice for the Province of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. Wm. Trent, deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 22. Original. 1 folio.

N. B. Similar letter was written by Gov'r Burnet to the Secr. of State. See Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 7.

[—— Letter from (Chas. Dunster ?) to one of the Proprietors in England—Had delivered his letter of introduction to Gov'r Burnet—and dined with him frequently—speaks in high terms of the Governor, and condemns the proceedings of George Willocks, Andrew Hamilton, (of Pennsylvania,) and their party—Hamilton the best lawyer in America—had gone with Willocks to England—refers to Peter Sonmans, James Alexander, and others—copy in the handwriting of Alexander. Whitehead MSS.]

Jan. 25. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Treasury, relative to a petition of the importers and dealers in tar, &c., praying a recommendation to Parliament for certain methods to make tar in the Plantations, and for a continuation of rewards and premiums on the importation of same. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 21. Entry. 20 folios.

1725.

[Aug. Will of Jeremiah Basse. Contemporaneous copy. Whitehead MSS.

Printed in part in "East Jersey under the Proprietors," p. 157.]

Sept. 27. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Mr. Fane, desiring his opinion upon three Acts passed by the Assembly of New Jersey in Nov., 1723, viz., an Act for an additional support of the Government—an Act concerning the duties of the Commissioners appointed to manage the loan offices, and an Act for the more effectual putting in execution an Act for regulating of fences. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 14, p. 137. Entry. 2 folios.

Oct. 1. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Gov'r Burnet—The Board desire his punctual compliance with the instructions to transmit regularly copies of public papers—desire to have answers to the following queries, viz: accounts of receipts and payments, &c.,—number of planters, &c.,—account of ordnance stores—a map of each Province—account of all courts—the wants and defects of each Province. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 61, p. 380. Entry. 4 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 763.]

Nov. 24. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—The proceedings of the Assembly of New Jersey were unanimous—six Acts passed in Aug. last are sent for confirmation, i. e. an Act for the further support of the Government for five years, (this Act was an additional one to the Act passed in 1720)—an Act

to lay a duty on wheat, &c.—an act to ascertain the size of casks—an Act for the better regulation of elections—an Act concerning the appointment of the Loan Commissioners, and an Act prescribing the forms of declaration of fidelity, &c.,—observations upon the said Act—minutes of Council and Assembly, and other papers transmitted. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol 7. Duplicate. 20 folios.

Transmitted in a letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Secr. of State, of the same date.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 766.]

Dec. 11. Report from Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade, respecting the three Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, referred to him the 27th September, 1725, leaving the two first Acts to the decision of the Board, and offering no objection to the confirming of the third. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 23. Original. 5 folios.

1725--26.

Jan. 20. Letter from Mr. G. Gray to the Board of Trade—Proposals to prevent the outrages of the savages, by cutting a path through the woods on the back of all the Colonies in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 68. Orig'l. 20 folios.

Feb. 8. Letter from Mr. Gray to the Board of Trade, with further additions to his proposals of 20th Jan., concerning the security of the Colonies against the Indians. S. P O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 69. Original. 16 folios.

1726.

June 2. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—Answers several queries sent him by the Board, Oct. 1, 1725—he will send the accounts of the receipts and disbursements of New Jersey—the people of New Jersey (being generally of a New England extraction, and thereby enthusiasts) would consider the taking the number of planters, &c., as a repetition of the sin David committed in numbering the people—he will give directions to the Surveyor of New Jersey to make a map of that Province—New York affairs. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 7. Duplicate. 20 folios.

Transmitted in a letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Secr. of State of the same date.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 777.]

June 24. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Mr. Fane, desiring his opinion, in point of law, upon six Acts passed at New Jersey the 23d of Aug., 1725. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 142. Entry. 3 folios.

June 28. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Burnet—The subject of the probable discovery of silver and gold mines in New Jersey, contained in Gov'r Burnet's letter to Lord Carteret, of 12 Dec., 1722, was considered, and the Attorney and

Solicitor Generals' opinion thereupon transmitted—the Board does not approve the Act for an additional support of this [New Jersey] Government, and making current £40.000 in bills of credit, &c., but let it lie by probationary—the Board, with some concern, observe that Gov'r Burnet had broken into the appropriation of this Act, and took away from the sinking fund the first year's interest, and considers it a bad precedent—desire to have the annual charge and income transmitted to them. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 137. Entry. 9 folios.

July 5. Kensington. Order in Council, ordering the Board of Trade to prepare draft of an additional instruction to the Governor of New Jersey, requiring him to suspend execution in cases of appeal to the King. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 69. Original. 6 folios.

[July 23. Proclamation of Gov'r Burnet against the exercise of any authority by Peter Sonmans, as Receiver of the Proprietary quit rents. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

July 28. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with the draft of additional instructions to the Governors in America, ab't suspending the execution of judgments or decrees in cases of appeals to His Majesty.

Repr. S. P. O., B. T. Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 39, p. 32. Entry. 3 folios. Instr. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 141. Entry. 4 folios.

August 9. Kensington. Order in Council approving the draft of a commission, relative to the spiritual jurisdiction of the Bishop of London over the Churches in all the Colonies in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 70. Attested copy. 11 folios.

Oct. 14. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—New York affairs—"There has been no session of the Assembly held in New Jersey this year, but early in the spring I (Gov'r) am to meet them"—the Naval Offi'r's acc'ts are sent. S. P. O. Am. and W. Indies. Vol. 7. Duplicate—Extract. 1 folio.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 781; but the above extract is all that refers to New Jersey.]

Dec. 1. New York. Certificate signed by 21 merchants of New York, to the effect, that the New Jersey paper money is preferable to New York paper currency, and after a gradual rise, it is now commonly at a premium of 6d, 9d, or 12d in the pound. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 27. Original. 4 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade, Dec. 19, 1726.

Dec. 15. Perth Amboy. Certificate signed by Andr'w Johnston, Mich. Kearney, Aaron Putland, Fenwick Lyell, Chas. Dun-

ster, Joseph Bonnel, Wm. Williamson, Sam'l Alling, J. Stevens, Henry Neale, Alex. Mackdowall, Jos. Ogden, J Cooper, and Ebenezer Lyon, merch'ts of Perth Amboy, to the effect, that the New Jersey paper currency is upon a par with the currency of Pennsylvania, and at a premium in New York, and that gold may be had at 5 or 6 per cent. discount. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 28. Original. 4 folios.

Enclosed in the following.

Dec. 19. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—Received the Board's letter of the 28th June last, and desires to have the King's orders how he is to act with regard to the undertakers to discover the supposed mines of gold and silver in New Jersey—sends answers to the Board's objection against an Act of New Jersey passed in 1725, for the support of that Government—sends certificates of the present value of the Bills of New Jersey—further observations on the above Act—sends the Treasurer's Accounts—recommends Mr. Cornelius Van Horne to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of David Lyell, deceased. S. P O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 24. Original. 21 folios.

Enclosing the foregoing, and Treasurer's of the Western Division of New Jersey account, 1720–1725. Treasurer's of the Eastern Division of New Jersey account, 1723–1726.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 809.]

Dec. 20. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—Sends the accounts about the importation of negroes to East New Jersey—there are few, if any, imported in West N. Jersey—New York affairs. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 20, D. d. 27. Original. (Extract.) 1 folio.

Enclosing the following.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 810; but table not given.]

Dec. 22. Perth Amboy. An account of what negroes appears by the Custom House books to have been imported into the Eastern Division of New Jersey, from the 20th July, 1698 to the 22d Dec., 1726. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 29. Original. 8 folios.

Enclosed in foregoing.

—— Account of the inhabitants of the Province of New Jersey, distinguishing their age, sex, and colour, taken in the year 1726. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. (Bundle.) Original. 4 folios.

[Printed in full in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 819; and see "Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 158.]

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Feb. 8. St. James'. Order in Council approving the draft of an additional instruction for the Governor of New Jersey, requiring him to suspend execution in cases of Appeal, and directing same

to be prepared for the King's signature. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 72. Attested copy. 3 folios.

Feb. 23. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending Mr. Cornelius Van Horne to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. David Lyell, deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 144. Entry. 1 folio.

March 2. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Burnet—If the proposals be made for working the mines in New Jersey, the Board will lay the same before the Lords of the Treasury —the Certificates about the advance of the N. Jersey paper money was considered, but the Board cannot alter their opinion as to the Bill—Mr. Cornelius Van Horne recommended to be of the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 145. Entry. 5 folios.

March 16. Letter from Mr. Popple to Mr. Scrope—Transmits draft of a Bill for the more effectual preservation of His Maj'ty's woods in the Plantations—suggests whether some provision should not be made in said Bill to check the Surveyor in the granting of licences. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 37. Entry. 5 folios.

[March 23. Additional instructions from the King to Gov'r Burnet, relative to suspension of executions in cases where appeals were admitted to the Privy Council. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

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March 27. Whitehall. Letter from the Duke of Newcastle to the Board of Trade, enclosing copy of the King's Commission to the Bishop of London, to exercise ecclesiastical jurisdiction in the Plantations, and requesting same may be communicated to the Governor of New Jersey and the other Governors in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 71. Original. 25 folios.

May 3. Whitehall. Order in Council directing the Board of Trade to prepare draft of an instruction to the Governor of New Jersey, in accordance with the enclosed petition from the Bishop of London, praying that all laws against blasphemy, adultery, swearing, drunkenness, &c., be vigorously put in force. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 73. Original. 17 folios.

May 9. New York. An account of the inhabitants of the Province of New Jersey, distinguishing their age, sex, and color, taken in the year 1726, (transmitted to the Board by Gov'r Burnet in his letter of the above date, which letter treats entirely about New York affairs.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 32. Original. 6 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 818. See June 2d, 1726.]

May 12. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to (Secr. Popple)—Sends the account of the inhabitants of New Jersey—the Map is not yet] ready—the Surveyors say it is very difficult to make any thing of an exact one—is sorry that the interest money arising from the paper credit in New Jersey cannot be applied to the current service. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 33. Original. 4 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 820.]

May 31. St. James'. Order of Council upon a representation from the Board of Trade of the 23d of Feb. last, appointing Mr. Cornelius Van Horne to be of the New Jersey Council. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 31. Copy. 2 folios.

June 6. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council, with drafts of instructions to the Governors in America, relating to the laws about blasphemy, profaneness, &c.—(these additional instructions were incorporated in the general instructions to the first Governors appointed by George the 2d.) S. P. O., B. T. Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 39, p. 40. Entry. 2 folios.

June 17. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing the drafts of proclamations for proclaiming King Geo. 2d in the several Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 41. Entry. 5 folios.

June 26. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in America, enclosing orders from the Privy Council for proclaiming the King, and proclamations for continuing all officers in their respective places, &c. S. P. O., B. T. Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 39, p. 47. Entry. 3 folios.

June 26. Letter from Mr. Popple to Mr. Burchet—Will deliver the enclosed packets to the Governors in the Plantations for proclaiming King George 2d in America, to the Captains of the vessels appointed for carrying same. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 46. Entry. 2 folios.

June 30. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—No applications for working the mines of gold and silver in New Jersey have been made—desires permission to apply the interest money from the bills to the use of the Government—observations on this subject. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 30. Original. 7 folios.

June 30. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to (Sec. Popple)—Hopes to prevail with the Board to let the interest money arising from the paper credit in New Jersey to be applied to the current service—the members of the N. Jersey Assembly are uneasy at the thought of meeting at their own costs—sends the Naval Officers' accounts.

On the other side, a P. S., dated 28th Aug. 1727, states—that

upon certain news of the late King's death, he proclaimed his present Majesty in both Provinces. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 34. Original. 3 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 822.]

July 11. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors of the Plantations in America, enclosing proclamations for continuing all Officers in their respective places until the King's pleasure, and requesting them to make the same public. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 49 Entry. 2 folios.

August 23. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing that new Great Seals be prepared and sent to His Majesty's several Colonies and Plantations in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 39, p. 50. Entry. 1 folio.

August 23. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Duke of Newcastle, desiring that all commissions, orders, or instructions, which pass the Secretary's Office, relating to the Plantations, may be communicated to the Board of Trade. S. P. O., B. T. Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 39, p. 50. Entry. 1 folio.

August 23. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Lord Viscount Townshend, with a representation to the King, and enclosing the drafts of commissions for John Montgomerie, Esq., to be Gov'r of New York and New Jersey. Letter & Rep. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 61, p. 409. Entry. 3 folios. Comm'n S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 149. Entry. 60 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 823.]

[August 26. New York. Governor Burnet to the Duke of Newcastle and Lords of Trade—Had proclaimed the accession of George 2d at Perth Amboy the day before "with the usual solemnity."

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 825, 827.]

August 31. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in the American Plantations, desiring the Minutes of the Councils and Assemblies, as likewise the Acts passed there, may be abstracted in the margins, pursuant to instructions. S. P. O., B. T. Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 39, p. 51. Entry. 1 folio.

Sept. 28. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing a draft of instructions, and of those which relate to the Acts of Trade for the Government of New Jersey, and giving reasons for some few alterations in them. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 169. Entry. Representation. 14 folios. General Instructions. 210 folios.

For instructions relating to the Acts of Trade, see S. P. O., B. T. New York, V. 62, p. 74.

Sept. 20. Kensington. Order in Council directing that new

Seals be prepared and sent to the Province of New Jersey for the sealing of all public instruments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 76. Original. 3 folios.

Oct. 2. St. James'. Warrant from King George II. to John Rollos, Gent. engraver of Seals, to make new Seals for the Province of New Jersey, according to the directions he will receive from the Lords of Trade. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 79. Copy. 2 folios.

Nov. 8. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council, with the drafts of additional instructions to the Govern'rs of Jamaica, New York, and New Jersey, relating to the rights of the Admiralty and pirates' effects. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen'l. Vol. 39. Entries. Represent. p. 52. Instruct'ns p. 244. 5 folios.

Nov. 17. Whitehall. Warrant from the Board of Trade to Mr. John Rollos, His Majesty's seal-cutter, to prepare new Seals for the Plantations in America, giving their several descriptions. S. P. O., B. T. Plant'n Gen'l. Vol. 39, p. 53. Entry (Extract.) 1 folio.

Nov. 22. Letter from Mr. Popple to Mr. Scrope, requesting the opinion of the Lords of the Treasury upon the draft of a bill relating to His Majesty's woods in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 59. Entry. 4 folios.

Dec. 3. Treasury Chambers. Letter from Mr. Scrope to Mr. Popple, to acquaint the Board of Trade that the King has appointed David Dunbar surveyor of woods in America, in the room of Charles Burniston, and that instructions be prepared for his guidance. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 83. Original. 2 folios.

Dec. 12. St. James'. Order in Council approving the draft of an additional instruction for the Governor of New Jersey, relative to the appointment of Robert Byng, Receiver General of the rights and perquisites of the Admiralty with respect to pirates in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 92. Attested copy. 8 folios.

Dec. 18. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—Sends an address from the Province of New Jersey to the King, by their agent, Mr. Le Heup—is informed that Mr. Montgomerie is to succeed him—sends copies of his speech to the Assembly of New Jersey, and their address to him. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 35. Duplicate. 3 folios.

Enclosing the following, and Gov'r Burnet's speech to the Assembly of New Jersey, Dec. 9, 1727, printed in the Journal of the Gen'l Assembly, and their answer, Dec. 13, 1727.

(Dec. 18.) New Jersey. Address of the Gov'r, Council and General Assembly of New Jersey to the King—Condoling upon the

death of the late King, and congratulating King George II. upon his accession to the throne. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 36. Copy. 7 folios.

Enclosed in foregoing.

1727--28.

[Jan. 9 and 13. Burlington. Minutes of Council relating to the dissolution of the Assembly, in consequence of resolutions in favor of a Governor distinct from N. Y. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Jan. "A modest vindication of the proceedings of the last Assembly of New Jersey, on their resolves touching a separate Governor"—Presumed to have been written by James Alexander. MS. copy in J. A's handwriting. Rutherfurd MSS.

See "Collections" N. J. Hist. Soc., Vol. IV. pp. 16, 18.]

Feb. 7. Letter from Mr. Popple to Mr. Scrope—The draft of instructions for Colonel Dunbar, appointed Surveyor General of His Majesty's woods in America, being under the consideration of the Board of Trade, reminds the Lords of the Treasury of a bill for the more effectual preservation of said woods. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 60. Entry. 3 folios.

Feb. 20. Letter from Mr. Popple to Col. Spotswoode, requesting his opinion on some papers relating to the production of naval stores in America, and the most effectual methods for carrying out same. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 62. Entry. 2 folios.

[Col. (Alexander) Spotswoode had been Governor of Virginia from 1710 to 1722.]

[Feb. 29. Duke of New Castle to Governor Montgomerie, directing the issue of letters patent making Robert Lettice Hooper Chief Justice of New Jersey. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS]

March 7. Letter from Mr. Popple to Mr. Fane, for his opinion in point of law on the draft of a bill for the more effectual preservation of His Majesty's woods in America, and for encouraging the importation of naval stores from thence. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 64. Entry. 1 folio.

March 20. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, upon, and enclosing the draft of a bill for the better and more effectual preservation of His Majesty's woods in America, and for the encouragement of the importation of naval stores from thence. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 65. Entry. 86 folios.

[March 24. Barbadoes. Letter from David Rycroft to Messrs. Parker and Johnston, of Amboy—Governor Montgomerie had sailed thence the Friday previous—congratulates them on the appointment of one to be their Governor "whose greatest pleasure seems to be in doing justice to all mankind"—had taken no de-

pendents with him, intending to confer whatever posts of honor or profit there might be upon gentlemen of the Province. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

1728.

April 5. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Transmitting draft of an additional instruction to the Governor of New Jersey—to render every assistance to the Surveyor General of the Woods and his deputies in fulfilling their duties. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 97. Entry. 5 folios.

April 12. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Enclosing for His Majesty's approbation drafts of an additional instruction to the Governors of the Plantations in America, relative to the alteration in the prayers for the royal family. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 100. Entry. 7 folios.

May 6. New York. Letter from Gov'r Montgomerie to the Board of Trade—Arrived in New York on the 15th of April, and published his commissions in New York and New Jersey a week after—dissolved the New York Assembly—Gov'r Burnet met the Assembly of New Jersey in Dec. last, and he will send the particulars to the Board about their proceedings. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 7. Duplicate. 5 folios.

[For Montgomerie's instructions, commission, &c., see New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. pp. 832, 841. This despatch will be found in the same volume, p. 855.]

May 7. Burlington. An address of the Chief Justice, [Thos. Farmar,] second judge, [Peter Bard,] high sheriff, grand jury, practitioners of the law, and the clerk of the peace at a supreme court held at Burlington, for the Western Division of New Jersey, to King George II., congratulating His Majesty upon the hopes of seeing the public peace restored, professing their inviolable fidelity, and thanking for sending John Montgomerie, Esq., to be their Governor. (31 signatures.) S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 7. Original. 5 folios.

[For notice of Chief Justice Farmar see Field's "Provincial Courts," and "Contributions to East Jersey History."]

June 4. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Popple to Mr. Scrope, enclosing drafts of instructions for David Dunbar, appointed surveyor of the King's woods in America, and requesting his departure may take place as soon as possible. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 103. Entry. 22 folios.

June 6. Whitehall. Order in Council directing the Board of Trade to prepare draft of instructions to the Governor of New Jersey, for restraining the importation of such produce of French manufacture as may interfere with the British trade. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 95. Original. 5 folios.

June 12. St. James'. Order in Council approving the draft

of an instruction for the Governor of New Jersey, relative to alterations in the prayers for the royal family, and directing same to be prepared for the King's signature. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 97. Attested copy. 2 folios.

June 12. St. James'. Order in Council approving draft of additional instructions to the Governor of New Jersey, directing him to be aiding and assisting to His Majesty's Surveyor General of the Woods and his deputies in the execution of their offices. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L, 99. Attested copy. 3 folios.

July 3. New York. Letter from Gov'r Burnet to the Board of Trade—Received His Majesty's commissions and instructions for the two Governments of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire, and is preparing to go to Boston—Col. Montgomerie relieved him in the New York and New Jersey Governments—gives a particular account of the twelve public and one private Acts passed in New Jersey in 1727–28—encloses certificates to prove that the N. Jersey paper money increased in value. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 42 and 43. Originals. 30 folios.

Besides the certificates, there are the following enclosures: 1698–99, (March 13.) An Act of the rights and privileges of the inhabitants of E. New Jersey. 1664–65, Feb. 10. Concessions and agreements of the Lords Proprietors.

Aug. 13. New York. Letter from Gov'r Montgomerie to the Board of Trade—Sends Gov'r Burnet's letter of the 3d July, Acts of Assembly and the Minutes of Council of New Jersey—the Acts and the Minutes are not abstracted in the margin as ordered, but it will ever be done in future—hopes the Gov'r Burnet's arguments are sufficient to allow 5 per cent. interest of the Jersey bills to be applied for the support of that Government—New York affairs. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 7. Duplicate. 5 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 858.]

(Sept. ?) The King's license to Ralph Gulston, of London, merchant contractor to the officers of the navy, to cut and fell trees in certain Provinces in America, including New Jersey, during the years 1728, 29, 30 & 31. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 20. Draft. 14 folios.

Nov. 6. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with the names of persons fit to be inserted in the commission for trying pirates taken in the Plantations. S. P. O, B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 111. Entry. 9 folios.

Nov. 13. Whitehall. Letter from Secr. Popple to Francis Fane, Esq., desiring his opinion upon twelve Acts of New Jersey, passed in 1727–28, (see Gov'r Burnet's letter of 3 July, 1728.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 250. Entry. 8 folios.

Nov. 14. The memorial from Mr. James Smith, Secretary of

the Province of New Jersey to the Board of Trade, complaining of two Acts passed there in 1727, prejudicial to his office in respect of his fees, &c. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 44. Original. 4 folios.

Nov. 20. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Montgomerie—Several of the New Jersey Acts are sent to Mr. Fane, one of His Majesty's Council at law for his opinion thereupon—the Board considered Mr. Burnet's reasons for having given his assent to the "Act for appropriating a part of the interest money, &c.,"—observation upon the last clause of this Act, and unless that clause is repealed the Act will be disallowed. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 62, p. 121. Entry. 9 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 870.]

Nov. 27. Letter from Mr. Keith to Mr. Popple, on the manufacture of silk, linen and wool in the several Colonies in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 103, 104. Original. 14 folios.

Nov. 28. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Mr. Coxe—His brother having in 1719, Dec. 8, entered a caveat against an Act of New Jersey, entitled "An Act for running the division line between the Eastern and Western Divisions of that Province, and for preventing disputes and preserving the rights of the Proprietors and persons claiming under them"—he is desired to appear before them, and to offer what he may have against the said Act. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 253. Entry. 2 folios.

Nov. 30. New York. Letter from Gov'r Montgomerie to the Board of Trade—Requests that the royal assent to the triennial and Quakers' Act be delayed till it is known how the Assembly behaves when he meets them on the tenth of next month at Burlington—New York affairs. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 20, D. d. 83. Original. (Extract.) 1 folio.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 871.]

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Lords of Council, relative to the projects which have been carried on in His Majesty's Plantations for promoting silk, linen or woollen manufactures. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 136. Entry. 16 folios.

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with an Act passed in New Jersey in 1719, for running the partition line between the Eastern and Western Divisions, for His Majesty's confirmation. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 254. Entry. 3 folios.

Dec. 12. Whitehall. Letter from Lord Townshend to the Board of Trade, enclosing, for their Lordship's consideration, observations by Sir William Keith, on the present state of the Colo-

nies in America with respect to the interests of Great Britain. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 105. Original. 65 folios.

Dec. 18. New Jersey. Letter from Governor Montgomerie to the Duke of Newcastle—Has received additional instructions relating to the Surveyor General of the Woods, and the form of prayer for the royal family—encloses his letter to the Board of Trade, containing an account of affairs in New Jersey—Col. Riggs, captain of a company, dead, has ordered Rich. Riggs to succeed him. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 1. Original. 3 folios.

1728--29.

Feb. 3. Custom House. Account of the quantity of pitch, tar, rozen and turpentine, imported from the Plantations in America from 1721 to 1727. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 10, L. 109. Original. 4 folios.

[Feb. 14. Receiver's Office for Greenwich Hospital, on Tower Hill. W. Young and Wm. Allie to Gov'r Montgomerie, transmitting acc't directing the collection of six pence per month from seamen for Greenwich Hospital. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

March 2. Letter from Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade, in answer to the letter of Mr. Secr. Popple, of 13 Nov. 1728, giving his opinion in point of law upon twelve Acts passed in New Jersey in 1727-28. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 3, E. 48. Orig'l. 6 folios.

March 4. Memorial from Mr. Richard Partridge, agent for the Province of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade, desiring confirmation of an "Act for confirming conveyances of lands, &c.," passed in New Jersey in March, 1713–14, and five other Acts passed in 1727–28. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 47. Original. 4 folios.

[For notices of Richard Partridge see "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 46, &c. "Contributions to East Jersey History," pp. 114, 116.]

March 13. Whitehall. Letter from Secr. Popple to Mr. Francis Fane—Desiring his opinion upon "an Act for confirming conveyances of lands, &c.," passed in New Jersey in March, 1713–14. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 256. Entry. 1 folio.

1729.

April 1. Letter from Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade, in answer to Mr. Popple's letter of the 14th of March, giving his opinion upon an Act passed in New Jersey, in March, 1713–14. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 49. Original. 2 folios.

April 20. New York. Letter from Gov'r Montgomerie to the Board of Trade—Met the Assembly of New Jersey in December—the Quakers were quite "unadvisable and ungovernable," being elated with the triennial Act passed during the last session—singular resolves made by the Assembly, to be seen in their Minutes—they offered no address to the King—by the advice of the Council

he dissolved the Assembly—the Quakers do not deserve His Majesty's assent to the bill passed at the session in 1727, in their favor—the Quakers were always insolent and troublesome—the triennial Act ought not to be confirmed, as it will set an example to N. York to do the like—he will move the Assembly of New Jersey to repeal the last clause of the "Act for appropriating a part of the interest money paid, &c." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 52. Original. 11 folios.

[See "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 16, for circumstances leading to the dissolution of the Assembly, and Smith's N. J., p. 420.]

May 22. Kensington. Order of Council, (the Queen present,) confirming an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in March, 1718–19, entitled "An Act for running and ascertaining the line of partition or division between the Eastern and Western Divisions of the Province of New Jersey, &c." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 51. Copy. 6 folios.

[May 24. A Case drawn from the will of Thomas Hart, (one of the twenty-four Proprietaries of East Jersey,) laid before Sir Philip Yorke, Attorney General, with his answer. Copy. Whitehead MSS.]

[See P. Kearney's opinion, Sept. 2, 1766, and Peter Bard's opinion, May 1, 1786.]

May 30. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Mr. Francis Fane, desiring his opinion upon several Acts passed in New Jersey in 1713 and 1727–28. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 257. Entry. 6 folios.

June 25. Letter from Mr. Lowndes to Mr. Popple, enclosing a letter from Sir William Keith, in confirmation of the facts represented by the merchants in their memorial to the Board of Trade, touching pot-ashes, and proposing that a number of persons well-skilled in producing same, be sent to all the Colonies in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 5. Original. 7 folios.

July 9. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Montgomerie—The Board are of opinion that His Majesty's subjects, especially when they are legally met in Assembly, should not be discouraged from applying to the Crown by address, (this was said with reference to the endeavors of the Assembly of New Jersey to confer with the Council upon the best method of obtaining a separate Governor)—the Board does not see the reason for repealing the Quakers' Act, but the triennial Act cannot be allowed—they expect to hear soon about the repealing of the last clause of the "Act for appropriating a part of the interest money, &c." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 259. Entry. 7 folios.

July 29. Letter from Mr. Lowndes to Mr. Popple, transmitting a memorial signed by several merchants, praying that encouragement

be given to the Colonies in America to produce pot-ashes. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 34. Original. 6 folios.

July 30. London. Letter from Mr. Daniel Horsmanden to Mr. Henry Parsons—Requests his good offices in endeavoring to obtain the Attorney Generalship of the New Jerseys—Mr. Smith, the present Att. Gen'l, is not bred to the law. S. P. O. Am. & West Indies. Vol. 385. Original. 2 folios.

[Horsmanden became afterwards a Judge of the Supreme Court in New York, and from his connection with the Negro Plot and other causes, a prominent individual in that Province.]

Aug. 2. New York. Letter from Gov'r Montgomerie to the Board of Trade—The orders of the Board contained in their letter of the 20th Nov., 1728, shall be fulfilled, and the Assembly of New Jersey shall be moved to repeal the last clause of their "Act for appropriating a part of the interest money, &c.,"—arguments in favor of the clause, answering point by point every objection contained in the above-named letter of the 20th of Nov.,—should the repeal of this clause be insisted upon, the Government of New Jersey will in all probability remain unsupported from Sept., 1730, when the present revenue expires, to Sept., 1736. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 53. Original. 48 folios.

[Printed at length in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 889 to 894.]

[Sept. 15. Letter from Peter Bard to James Alexander—Had been to Burlington to make enquiry about the claim to the Island (the title of which was presumed to be in Gov'r Hunter) set up by the inhabitants of the town—does not think their claim a valid one —based upon a lease from Sir Edward Andros to Robert Stacy for seven years, bearing date Nov. 14th, 1678; and a minute in the town book, that George Hutchinson and Robert Stacy had conveyed to the town for ever—but no deeds were to be found—an agreement entered into by a number of the inhabitants, to pay the expense of maintaining their claim—they had taken possession. Orig'l. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Nov. 19. St. James'. Order of Council directing the Board of Trade to prepare instructions to the Governors in America, to aid and assist the receivers in their respective Governments, in collecting sixpence per month from seamen's wages for the Royal Hospital at Greenwich—enclosing printed copy of instructions from the Hospital Commissioners to their receivers. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 7. Original. 30 folios.

Dec. 9. Whitehall. Circular letter from Mr. Popple to the Governors in America, enclosing queries for their particular answer relative to their respective Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 152. Entry. 10 folios.

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Order in Council enclosing a petition

from Thomas Coram, relative to the fisheries in America, and directing the Board of Trade to prepare draft of an instruction to the Governor of New Jersey, and the other Governors, in accordance therewith. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 9. Original. 9 folios.

Dec. 30. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing for His Majesty's approbation drafts of an additional instruction to the several Governors in America, to assist the receivers of 6d. per month from seamen's wages for Greenwich Hospital. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 157. Entry. 6 folios.

1729--30.

Jan. 10. Memorial from Mr. Partridge to the Board of Trade —Having heard that some of the New Jersey Acts cannot be favorably reported upon, desires the Board to favor him with their objections, to be transmitted to New Jersey for the people's answer thereto. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 3, E. 56. Original. 5 folios.

[—— "Case of Gov'r Hunter's Island in Delaware river"—Draft of points prepared by James Alexander—(1st) the right of the Proprietors of West Jersey to lands lying East of the middle of the channel of Delaware river—(2d) Matinicunk island, containing about 350 acres, thus situated—(3d) warrant of survey ordered by the Proprietors, Jan. 23, 1710—(4th) was so surveyed, and (5th) on 25th and 26th Jan., 1710, granted to Gov'r Robert Hunter—(6th) Gov'r Hunter held undisputed possession for several years—(7th) in consequence of an opinion given by the Attorney General, that the islands in the Delaware had never been granted by the Crown, the inhabitants of Burlington in 1729, without due process of law, had ousted Gov'r Hunter's tenant. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[For an interesting note by Dr. O'Callaghan, referring to Mr. Alexander, embodying important dates and facts, see N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 982.]

Jan. 21. Whitehall. Letter from the Duke of Newcastle to the Board of Trade, enclosing for their information a printed copy of a commission under the great seal, to the Bishop of London, to exercise ecclesiastical jurisdiction in the Colonies and Plantations in America, bearing date the 29 of April, 1728. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 10. Original, with commission. 27 folios.

[For the Commission at length see N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 849.]

Feb. 5. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Privy Council, enclosing draft of an additional instruction to the Governor of New Jersey, for putting a stop for the future to his laying any claim to the produce of whales, under the pretence of their being royal fish. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 160. Entry. 5 folios.

Feb. 5. Report from Mr. Francis Fane, one of the King's

Council, to the Board of Trade, in answer to their letter of the 30 of May last, giving his opinion upon "An Act for shortening the lawsuits, &c.," and "An Act for acknowledging deeds, &c.," passed in New Jersey in 1713, and upon "An Act for shortening lawsuits &c.," and "An Act for acknowledging deeds, &c.," passed in 1728–29. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 56, 57. Original. 2 folios.

Feb. 17. Report from Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade, upon six Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in August, 1725; approving the same. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 62. Original. 2 folios.

March 11. Whitehall. Letter from A. Popple to Jno. Montgomerie, Governor of New York and New Jersey, transmitting draft of an instruction to prevent his appropriating the produce of whales. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 162. Entry. 1 folio.

March 17. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing for His Majesty's approbation drafts of an additional instruction to the several Governors in America, directing them to support the Bishop of London's ecclesiastical jurisdiction. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 165. Entry. 5 folios.

(March 17. "Received.") Observations on the trade of America submitted to the Board of Trade, by Robert Dinwiddie, Collector of Customs in Bermuda. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 24. Original. 16 folios.

1730.

April 7. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the House of Lords, relative to the proposals for furnishing Great Britain with naval stores from the Plantations, and to the establishments of Governors and Governments, the variations, &c. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 167, 219. Entry, (relative to New Jersey.) 28 folios.

April 20. St. James.' Order of Council directing the Board of Trade to prepare instructions for all the Governors in America, requiring them to assist the officers of the Vice Admiralty Courts within their Governments in the legal execution of their respective employments in all matters that may properly and judicially come under their cognizance. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 12. Original. 5 folios.

April 20. St. James'. Order of Council approving the instructions laid before the King by the Lords of the Committee of Council, to all the Governors in America, (except Leeward Islands, New England, and N. & S. Carolina,) directing them to support the Bishop of London and his Commissaries in the exercise of such ecclesiastical jurisdiction as is granted to them. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 15. Copy. 3 folios.

April 24. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Montgomerie—Notwithstanding the arguments offered in his letter of the 2d of August last, the Board cannot alter their opinion, and desire speedy repeal of the last clause of the "Act for appropriating a part of the interest money, &c.," otherwise it will be laid before the King for disallowance—they hope that the Courts of Chancery are held—a more punctual correspondence is desired. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14. Entry. 7 folios.

May 2. Report from Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade upon an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, entitled an Act for vesting the right of election of representatives, &c., in the county of Hunterdon, and suspending the choice of the town of Salem—approving the same. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 63. Original. 1 folio.

May 11. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—That the Governors in America have already an article in their instructions requiring them to render every assistance to the officers of the Vice Admiralty Courts within their Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 236. Entry. 3 folios.

May 20. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Montgomerie to the Secretary of State—Received orders for cessation of hostilities and restitution of prizes to the subjects of Spain in America, which orders will be punctually obeyed—the Proprietor of the mines in New Jersey are very unwilling to enter into any contract, but when his ships arrive in England with the ore, the English Copper Company shall have the first sight of it. S. P. O. Am. and W. Indies. Vol. 12, No. 6. Original. 3 folios.

May 22. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Montgomerie to the Board of Trade—Is desirous of having his conduct approved—he publicly declared, that if the Assembly of New Jersey in a dutiful manner would address His Majesty for a distinct Governor, he would not oppose the Council's joining with them, and would transmit their address—he dissolved the Assembly because they mentioned no application or address to the King—the revenue expiring—met the Assembly on the 7th of this month—no hopes of their repealing the law for applying the interest money, &c.—Mr. Kinsey, a Quaker, is chosen Speaker—thanks to the Board for having suspended Mr. Morris, junior, from the Council Board of N. York. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol 3, E. 57. Original. 10 folios.

Enclosing his speech to the Assembly of N. Jersey, and their address, May 7, 1730.

[See "Papers of Gov'r Lewis Morris," pp. 15-18.]

June 23. Windsor Castle. Letter from the Duke of Newcastle to the Board of Trade—His Majesty's pleasure that an exact statement of the position, &c., of New Jersey and the other Colonies in America, be drawn up and submitted to him. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 16. Original. 2 folios.

July 4. Perth Amboy. Petition of the representatives of New Jersey to the King, praying for a separate Governor—(signed by John Kinsey, junr., Speaker.) S. P. O. Am. & West Indies. Vol. 12, N. 7. Original. 6 folios. [See Smith's N. J., p. 420.]

Transmitted to the Duke of Newcastle—see Gov'r Montgomerie's letter to the Board of Trade of the 20th November, 1730.

July 30. Letter from Mr. Thomas Smith to (the Duke of Newcastle,) praying to be appointed Gov'r of New Jersey in case the petition of that Assembly for a separate Government be granted. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, No. 8. Original. 2 folios.

August 13. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Privy Council, enclosing draft of an additional instruction to Jno. Montgomerie, Governor of New Jersey, relating to His Majesty's share of forfeitures to be incurred by persons destroying the woods in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 237. Entry. 3 folios.

[Sept. 17. Windsor. Order of Council approving several drafts of additional instructions for the Governors of New York, New Jersey, Nova Scotia, Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Connecticut, relating to His Majesty's granting to the informer his share of all the penalties inflicted on persons convicted of destroying the woods in America, S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 20. Copy. 3 folios.

[Sept. 17. Perth Amboy. Letter from John Parker to Rev. William Skinner of Perth Amboy, describing the seals of the cities of Perth Amboy and New Brunswick, and asking him to furnish the mottoes for the latter. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[Sept. 17. Perth Amboy. Letter from Rev. Wm. Skinner to John Parker, furnishing mottoes for the seal of the city of New Brunswick—"*Alma sed æqua*," "*Læta revertor*," the devices being a sheaf of wheat, with a pair of scales weighing a barrel of flour "on ye dexter," and a boat riding at anchor before the town "on the sinister." Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Oct. 19. Letter from Mr. Partridge, Agent for the Province of New Jersey, to Mr. Secretary Popple, enclosing his Memorial to the Board of Trade, praying that certain Acts passed in that Province in 1720 and 1727–28, may be considered and reported upon to the King. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 54. Original. 3 folios.

October 28. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Mr. Fane, desiring his opinion in point of law, whether fines imposed by Acts of Parliament for offences committed in the Plantations are to be recovered there in sterling money, proclamation money, or the currency of the Province. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 240. Entry. 1 folio.

Nov. 3. Letter from Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade, in answer to one from Mr. Secr. Popple of the 28th of October, giving his opinion on the fines imposed by Acts of Parliament for offences committed in the Plantations, that the same be paid in sterling money. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 19. Original. 2 folios.

Nov. 20. New York. Letter from Gov'r Montgomerie to the Board of Trade—The Board's letter of the 24th of April he did not receive until several weeks after the Assembly of New Jersey was adjourned—he did not press the repeal of the clause about the disposal of the interest money, as he thought that what was represented to the Board had induced them to alter their opinion—transmits 15 Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, with observations upon them —the Assembly address His Majesty for a separate Government—he expects some addresses against it. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 59.

Nov. 30. Letter from Francis Fane to the Board of Trade—Is of opinion that fines for offences committed in the Colonies in America, which are imposed by English Acts of Parliament, should be levied in sterling money. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 19. Original. 2 folios. [Same as Nov. 3.]

Dec. 8. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Sir Philip Yorke and Chas. Talbot, Esqrs., Attorney and Solicitor Generals, desiring their opinion, in point of law, whether any fine or recovery levied in England will cut off the entail of lands lying in the Plantations in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 241. Entry. 1 folio.

Dec. 15. Letter from Sir Ph. Yorke and C. Talbot, Esqrs., Att. and Sol. Generals, in answer to the letter from Secr. Popple of the 8th of December, giving their opinion, that no fine levied, or recovery suffered in England of lands lying in any of the Plantations, can bar the entail of such lands, unless the particular Laws or Acts of Assembly of the Plantation where such lands lie have provided to the contrary. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 21. Orig'l. 2 folios.

[Dec. 21. New York. Governor Montgomerie to the Duke of Newcastle, enclosing a copy of his letter of 20th Nov., to the Board of Trade—Account of proceedings of the New Jersey Assembly, in reference to an application for a separate Governor from New York —trusting to "His Majesty's goodness and his Grace's protection," hopes he will be safe from any attempt to have him removed.

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 913.]

[Dec. 21. Gov'r Montgomerie to Secretary Popple—Transmits proceedings of Assemblies of New York and New Jersey—if he had

not given his assent to the bill directing the expenses of New Jersey to be paid out of the interest money, the Government would have been in as great confusion as New England was in the height of the disputes with Gov'r Burnet.

Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 913.]

1730--31.

[Jan. 4. Island of Jamaica. Robert Hunter to James Alexander, relating to purchase of lands at Inians Ferry (now New Brunswick)—Would like to take five or six hundred acres at a reasonable rate—Colonel Charlton of Jamaica would like to make a purchase also—wishes to be written to on the subject. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Jan. 18. New York. James Alexander to Mr. Delafaye, relating to an application to the Crown for a patent for Matinicunk Island, in behalf of Robert Hunter. Draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Jan. 21. New York. James Alexander to Robert Hunter, referring to various business matters—Plantations on the north side of Raritan River had risen to an "extravagant price, even to the rate of 3, 4, or £5 an acre"—lands much subdivided, so that few have plantations of 300 acres—had been offered £1200 for Hunter's lot of 500 acres on the south side of the river, altho' it had on it neither house nor orchard, and was not at all improved. Orig'l draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[See "Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 155.]

[Jan. 31. London. Ferdinand John Paris to James Alexander, referring to various matters placed in his charge—Description of Gov'r Montgomerie—had heard of the intention of the Assembly of New York to appoint another Agent instead of Mr. Le Heup—had understood that Richard Partridge is an applicant for it—Mr. Partridge a Quaker merchant—speaks of him in a favorable manner, but advocates his own appointment for reasons stated—had made no interest to secure the nomination from the Governor, having often seen the ill-effects of the Colonies appointing Agents named by the Governors—such Agents are paid by the country, but act only for the Governor. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Feb. 24. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in the American Plantations, with a copy of Mr. Att. and Sol. Generals' letter of the 15th December last, containing their opinion on the subject of fines and recoveries passed in England, cutting off entails of lands in the Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 242. Entry. 1 folio.

March 20. Perth Amboy. John Johnston to James Alexander—Mr. Kearney (Philip) is to take Governor Hunter's house—

pictures and prints spoken of as remaining on the walls, and other furniture locked up—the rent to be £25 per annum for three years. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

1731.

[April 15. Burlington. Isaac DeCow to Jas Alexander, giving the result of an election for a Council of Proprietors for West Jersey—The inhabitants of Burlington had let Matinicunk Island to parties who were cutting the timber, plowing, &c. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[May 20. New York. James Alexander to Robert Hunter, in answer to his of 27th Jan.—No land obtainable about Inians Ferry under 4, 5, and 6 pounds per acre, which he would not advise him to pay—His house in Amboy leased to Mr. Kearney—rents falling considerably in New York—recommends the purchase of a tract at Harsimus, opposite New York, belonging to Mr. Kennedy, containing 400 acres, with house, 500 apple trees, 27 cattle, 75 sheep, horses, &c., the whole of which could be obtained for £3000—lands there commonly sell for upwards of £20 per acre. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[May 24. Jamaica. Robert Hunter to Jas. Alexander—Had received assurances from Mr. Delafaye that he would take care to obtain a grant of confirmation from the King for the Burlington Island—thinks he might obtain on easy terms the house and grounds at Burlington, belonging to the Society for propagating the Gospel—had heard "wonders of a new town called Brunswick, at Inians Ferry." Original. Rutherfard MSS.]

June 10. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors of several Plantations in America, desiring from them a most particular account of any laws made, manufactures set up, or trade carried on in their respective Governments, which may affect the trade, navigation, and manufactures of England, in order to lay the same before the House of Commons. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Genl. Vol. 39, p. 243. Entry. 2 folios.

June 10. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—The new Seal for the Province of New Jersey having been lost in its passage, they desire directions that another Seal may be engraved. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 266. Entry. 2 folios.

(June 10.) Extract of a letter from Gov'r Montgomerie to Mr. Andrew Drummond—That the Seal of New Jersey was lost when the ship was cast away on the Western Islands. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 55. 1 folio.

June 16. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secretary Popple to Mr. Fane, desiring his opinion upon 15 Acts passed in the Assembly of New Jersey in 1730. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 267. Entry. 7 folios.

[June 20. New York. Gov'r Montgomerie to Duke of Newcastle—A vacancy in the Council of New Jersey—John Hugg dead—recommends Doctor John Rodman to succeed him—"well affected to the Government, a man of sense, very much esteem'd, and has a good estate in the Province."

Printed in N Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 919. The same to Lords of Trade, p. 920. For the manner of Mr. Hugg's death, see Smith's N. Jersey, p. 424.]

June 23. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing the disallowance of three Acts passed in New Jersey, viz:—"An Act for shortening law suits"—"An Act concerning the acknowledging and registering deeds, &c."—and "An Act for frequent meeting, &c., of the General Assembly." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 270. Entry. 8 folios.

July 1. Hampton Court. Order of Council, that the chief engraver of Seals engrave another silver Seal after the same draft for the Province of New Jersey, the former having been lost at sea. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 62. Copy. 2 folios.

July 7. Whitehall. Order of the Committee of Council referring to the Board a Petition of Mr. Partridge, Agent for New Jersey, desiring the confirmation of several New Jersey Acts. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 61. Original, (with enclosure. 6 folios.)

July 14. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing the disallowance of an Act passed in New Jersey in Feb. 1727–28, entitled "An Act for appropriating part of the interest money paid into the Treasury by virtue of a law of this Province to the incidental charges of this Government, and for subjecting the residue to future appropriations." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 274. Entry. 9 folios.

July 18. Perth Amboy. Address of the Council of New Jersey, signed by John Anderson, John Hamilton, John Parker, John Johnston, Peter Bard, and Ja. Smith, to Mr. Lewis Morris, President of that Council—A historical account of the Govern't of New Jersey—the inconvenience of a Governor's non-residence in the colony—desire that their prayer for a separate Governor may be laid before the principal Secretary of State—[Gov'r Montgomerie had died July 1st.] S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, No. 15. Original. 15 folios.

Enclosed in following.

July 19. Perth Amboy. Letter from Mr. Lewis Morris, President of the Council of New Jersey, to the Duke of Newcastle, principal Secretary of State—Gov'r Montgomerie died at New York on the 1st July, at four in the morning—the 3d of this month Mr. Morris received the Seal and papers of New Jersey—transmits the Council's Address—the difficulty of having a numerous Council or

the meeting of the Assembly, it being their harvest time—he will try to supply several civil and military officers which are now wanting in the Province. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, No. Original. 4 folios.

Enclosing the foregoing.

[July 29. New York. James Alexander to Robert Hunter, in answer to letter of May 24th—The Society's property at Burlington was put in order for Gov'r Montgomerie, who lived in it the winter of 1729–30, during the sitting of the Assembly, and then occupied by the minister of the parish—New Brunswick had grown very rapidly and so had the country back of it—"a lot of ground in New Brunswick is grown to near as great a price as so much ground in the heart of New York"—sends a description of Hunter's land. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[August 5. New York. James Alexander to Robert Hunter, giving a particular account of the locality and advantages of Harsimus, in answer to inquiries received from the Governor. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Sept. 15. London. Memorial from Mr. Partridge to the Duke of Newcastle, enclosing a copy of the Address of the Council of New Jersey to their president, Mr. Lewis Morris, praying that their desire of having a separate Governor be represented to the King in such a way, that he would be pleased to gratify them therein. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, No. 15. a. Original. 2 folios.

Sept. Memorial of Mr. Partridge to the Board of Trade, praying that several Acts passed in New Jersey in 1730, may be laid before the King for confirmation, particularly that—"To enable the inhabitants of the said colony to support their Gov'r, discharge their engagements in the Loan Office, and for relieving their other necessities by making current twenty thousand pounds in bills of credit," which Act was not to be in force till it has had the Royal assent. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol 3, E. 64. Original. 4 folios.

Nov. 25. St. James'. Order of Council disallowing the Act passed in New Jersey, entitled "An Act concerning the acknowledging and registering deeds and conveyances of land, and declaring how the estate or right of a Feme Covert may be conveyed or extinguished." S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 3, E. 66. Copy. 4 folios.

Nov. 25. St. James'. Order of Council disallowing the Act passed in New Jersey, entitled "An Act for shortening the law suits and regulating the practice and practitioners of the law and other officers." S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 67. Copy. 4 folios.

Nov. 25. St. James'. Order of Court disallowing the Act passed in New Jersey, entitled "An Act for the frequent meeting

and calling of the General Assembly of this Province, and for the alternate sitting thereof." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 68. Copy. 4 folios.

Nov. 29. St. James'. Order of Council requiring the Board of Trade to prepare the draft of a warrant for transmitting to and empowering the Gov'r of N. Jersey to make use of the new Seal prepared for that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 63. Original. 2 folios.

Dec. 10. Letter from Mr. R. Partridge to Mr. Popple, enclosing the case of the British Northern Colonies, their commerce, manufactures, etc. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 29. Printed. 40 folios.

Dec. 15. Report of Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade, giving his opinion upon fourteen Acts of New Jersey Assembly, passed in 1730—objecting to one only, i. e., "An Act imposing a duty on persons convicted of heinous crimes, &c." S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 65. Original. 7 folios.

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Duke of Newcastle, Principal Secr. of State, with the draft of a warrant for His Majesty's signature, empowering the Gov'r of N. Jersey to use the new seal approved by His Majesty. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 277. Entry. 6 folios.

[Dec. 31. Statement of lands taken up in East Jersey, for account of William Dockwra's twenty-fourth part. Copy. Whitehead MSS.]

1731--32.

—— Petition of James Smith, Esq., Secretary of the Province of New Jersey, praying leave of absence for twelve months, that he may visit England for the re-establishment of his health and settlement of his private affairs. S. P. O. Am. & West Indies. (Bundle.) Original. 3 folios.

Jan. 13. Petition from the master, wardens, and assistants of the company of feltmakers of London to the Board of Trade, praying that the inhabitants of the Plantations may be prevented from wearing or selling any hats but what are made in England. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 32. Original. 5 folios.

(It appears from the subsequent statistical reports of the Board of Trade to the Houses of Parliament, that about this period a *hat manufactory* was established in New Jersey, and for this reason the above petition was noted.)

Jan. 17. London. Memorial of Thomas Coram to the Board of Trade, relating to the laws, manufactures and trade of the several Colonies in America, as affecting Great Britain. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 31. Original. 25 folios.

Feb. 3. Whitehall. Order in Council, directing the Board of

Trade to prepare draft of an instruction to the Governor of New Jersey, forbidding him to assent to any laws whereby the inhabitants of the Province may obtain greater privileges than those of Great Britain. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 34. Original. 5 folios.

Feb. 4. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Duke of Newcastle, enclosing a representation to the King, with the draft of a commission for Col. Wm. Cosby to be Gov'r of N. York and N. Jersey—(the commission is mutatis mutandis the same as Gov'r Montgomerie's.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 280. Entry, (without commission.) 4 folios.

[See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 930, &c.]

Feb. 15. Whitehall. The representation from the Board of Trade to the House of Commons, in answer to their address to the King, of the 5th of May, and the 15th of Jan. last, relating to laws made in the Plantations, manufactures set up, and trade carried on there, which may affect the trade, navigation, and manufactures of England. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 253. Entry, (touching New Jersey.) 4 folios.

March 17. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending for approbation the £20,000 bills of credit Act, and an Act prescribing the forms of declaration of fidelity—and for disallowance, an Act imposing a duty on persons convicted of heinous crimes—all three passed in New Jersey in July, 1730. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 283. Entry. 4 folios.

1732.

April 13. St. James'. Order of Council disallowing the Act of New Jersey, passed in July, 1730, entitled "An Act imposing a duty on persons convicted of heinous crimes, and to prevent poor and impotent persons being imported into this Province of New Jersey, and for amendment of the law relating to servants." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 70. Copy. 3 folios.

April 18. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council, with a draft of additional instructions to all the Governors in His Majesty's Plantations in America, against passing any laws whereby the natives or inhabitants of the Plantations may be put on a more advantageous footing than those of Great Britain. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 303. Entry. 5 folios.

April 28. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with a draft of instructions for Col. Cosby as Gov'r of New York and New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 285. Entry, [with instructions.] 230 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 934.]

[April, 1732 to June, 1733. Journal of ship Catherine, Jasper

Farmar, commander, during a voyage to and from the coast of Africa, bringing to New York a cargo of 238 slaves, 19 having died on the way. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

May 4. St. James'. Order of Council confirming the Act passed in New Jersey in July, 1730, entitled "An Act the better to enable the inhabitants of this Colony to support Government, discharge their engagements in the loan offices, and for relieving their other necessities by making current twenty thousand pounds in bills of credit." S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 3, E. 71. Copy. 3 folios.

May 4. St. James'. Order of Council confirming the Act passed in New Jersey in July, 1730, entitled "An Act prescribing the forms of declaration of fidelity, the effect of the abjuration oath and affirmation, instead of the forms heretofore required in such cases, and for repealing the former Acts in the like cases made and provided." S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 72. Copy. 3 folios.

May 4. St. James'. Order in Council approving the draft of an instruction to the Governor in N. Jersey, relative to the enacting laws more favorable to the inhabitants of the Province than Great Britain, and directing same to be prepared for the King's signature. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 40. Attested copy. 4 folios.

May 18. St. James'. Order of Council approving the drafts of instructions for Col. Cosby, as Gov'r of New York and N. Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 73. Copy. 2 folios.

June 2. New Jersey. Letter from Mr. Lewis Morris to the Duke of Newcastle—A separate Governor in New Jersey is desired by the greatest part of the inhabitants, but Mr. Morris is not so sanguine about it—commercial position of New Jersey with regard to New York and Pennsylvania—the people would like to have the Gov'r dependent upon them—difficulty of satisfying both divisions of the Province—want of councillors—Mr. John Hugg, of the Western, and Mr. John Johnston, of the Eastern division are dead, and Mr. John Wells, of the Western is superannuated—Mr. Morris recommends for the Council for the Western Division Mr. Thomas Lambert, Mr. John Allen, Mr. John Rodman, Mr. Mahlon Stacy, Mr. John Dagworthy and Mr. Richard Smith—for the Eastern Division Mr. Richard Ashfield, Mr. Andrew Johnston, Mr. William Provoost, Mr. John Schuyler and Gabriel Stelle—the militia is in a very bad condition—commissions are not taken up—Mr. Morris was told that he was to be appointed Gov'r of New Jersey—services done by him in effecting the surrender. S. P. O. Am. & West Indies. Vol. 12. No. 19. Original. 18 folios.

June 16. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in America, (signed by Mr. Secr. Popple,) desiring from them an account of any laws made, manufactures set up,

or trade carried on in their respective Plantations which may affect the trade, navigation and manufactures of England, pursuant to an address from the House of Commons to the King, of the 25th of May last. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 308. Entry. 2 folios.

Aug. 26. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to the Commissioners of the Hospital at Greenwich, desiring printed copies of the instructions given to their deputy receivers in America, to be annexed to Col. Cosby's instructions as Gov'r of New York and N. Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 307. Entry. 2 folios.

Oct. 9. Whitehall. Order in Council directing the Board of Trade to write to the Governor of New Jersey for a complete statement of the revenue of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 41. Orig'l. 6 folios.

[Oct. 26. New York. Governor Cosby to the Duke of Newcastle—Mr. Smith, Secr. of the Jerseys, "dyed last Tuesday, was seven't"—one of the most considerable places in the Province, but only brought in £450 (? £45) a year—Mr. Smith had been Secretary fifteen years—duties performed by two deputies, one for the Eastern and one for the Western Division—the Secretary himself generally living in Philadelphia—the deputies were of good character, and he had continued them in office under his son "Billy," upon whom he had bestowed the Secretaryship until his Grace's pleasure should be known—Secretaries and their deputies disposed to think themselves independent of the Governors in the Colonies—"My Lord Augustus is with me," &c.,—had sent to the Duchess a live beaver.

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 936. Governor Cosby's wife was Grace, daughter of Lord Halifax. He had notified the Lords of Trade of his arrival, under date of Sept., 18 .]

Dec. 18. New York. Letter from Gov'r Cosby to the Board of Trade—Recommends Mr. Provoost to be of the Council of New Jersey—Mr. James Alexander, member of the New York and New Jersey Councils, by his conduct causes great uneasiness to Gov'r Cosby—prays to have him removed, and recommends in his place Mr. Joseph Warrell in New Jersey, and Capt. Wm. Dick in New York—there are three other vacancies in the Council of N. Jersey, but he will defer recommending any one until he meets the Assembly of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 22, E. e. 9. Original. 8 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 938, and see p. 942, and Vol. VI., p. 21; letter to Under Secretary De La Faye, in which he further alludes to Mr. Alexander in disparaging terms.]

1732--33.

Feb. 1. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the House of Commons, in answer to their address to the King, of

the 25th of May, 1732, with regard to the laws, trade and manufactures of the Plantations, which may affect the trade, &c., of Great Britain, and as regards the instructions to the several Governors, about their taking or not taking any sums of money by way of present or salary, from the inhabitants of their respective Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 313. Entry, (about N. Jersey.) 10 folios.

March 2. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending Mr. Wm. Provoost to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. John Hugg, deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 367. Entry. 1 folio.

1733.

[March 27. Second River, (Belleville.) Letter from Wm. North to James Alexander, complaining of the Governor, (Cosby,) for delaying action in some legal cases in which he was interested, commenting upon his character and attainments. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

April 6. Some considerations of the consequence of the bill now depending in the House of Lords, relating to the dispute of the trade of the British Colonies in America, in a letter to a Noble Lord, by a person familiarly acquainted with the English, French, and Dutch settlements on the Continent, also on the West India Islands, by Philo-Americus. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 24. Printed. 4 pages extra folio—about 30 folios.

April 20. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Cosby to the Duke of Newcastle—The conduct of Mr. Lewis Morris as Chief Justice of the Province of New York, and the causes why Gov'r Cosby removed him from that office. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 22, E. e. 19. Copy. 60 folios.

[See "Papers of Gov. Lewis Morris," p. 19. There is a long despatch of the same character to the Duke of Newcastle, dated May 3d, 1733, printed in the N. York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 942, and see Vol. VI. pp. 8, 21, &c.]

[May 8. Burlington. Letter from J. De Cow to James Alexander—Had heard that the Assembly had addressed the Governor, expressing their opinion that all officers should reside in the Province. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

May 10. St. James'. Order of Council appointing Mr. Wm. Provoost to be of the Council of New Jersey S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 3, E. 74. Copy. 3 folios.

[May 29. New York. James Alexander to Ferdinand John Paris—New York affairs—unpopularity of the Governor—refers to a letter sent, which shows "how the Governors of the Plantations, as the Craftsman says, *King* it abroad." Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

June 26. Caveat from Mr. Paris, in behalf of Mr. Lewis Mor-

ris, Chief Justice of New York, and President of the Council of New Jersey, against his being removed or suspended from his employments without hearing. S. P. O., B. T. New York Vol. 22, E. e. 15. Original. 1 folio.

July 3. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America, requiring a certificate to be transmitted with each private Act, that the same has passed the forms required by their instructions. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 1. Entry. 2 folios.

Aug. 7. Custom House, London. Letter from Mr. Carkesse to Mr. Secr. Popple, enclosing the names of the Surveyors General of the Customs in America, with a list of the Islands, Provinces, or Colonies comprehended in their respective districts. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 44. Original. 2 folios.

Aug. 8. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of Council, with drafts of an additional instruction to the Governors in America, for admitting the Surveyors General of the Customs to be Councillors Extraordinary. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 4. Entry. 5 folios.

Aug. 8. Additional instructions to Gov'r Cosby—John Peagrum, Esq., appointed Surveyor General in the Northern Districts, and that he and his successors are to sit in the Council of N. Jersey as Council Extraordinary—the Surveyors General cannot take upon themselves the administration of the Province, but it shall devolve upon the Councillor in ordinary next in seniority to the Surveyor General—copies of all Acts, &c., which bear any relation to the Surveyor's offices are to be delivered to him free of expense, and he may peruse the same at the public offices without any fee or reward. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 371. Entry. 7 folios.

Aug. 27. New York. Letter from Mr. Lewis Morris to the Board of Trade, complaining of Gov'r Cosby, for having removed him from the office of Chief Justice of New York, and enclosing several papers in vindication of his conduct while in that office. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 22, E. e. 16, 17 and 18. Original letter and printed papers. 125 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. V. p. 951.]

Nov. 29. St. James'. Order in Council approving the draft of an instruction to the Governor of N. Jersey, defining the privileges of the Surveyors General of the Customs in that Province, and directing that same be prepared for the King's signature. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 45. Attested copy. 5 folios.

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Treasury, recommending Mr. Henry Popple's map of the British Empire as one fit to be sent to the several Plantations at the expense of the Crown. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 6. Entry. 2 folios.

[Dec. 1733 to March, 1734. Journal of ship Catherine, Jasper Farmar, commander, during a voyage from Amboy to Madeira and back. Original. N. J. Hist. Sec. MSS.]

1733--34.

Jan. 23. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords spiritual and temporal in Parliament, pursuant to their address to the King, of the 13th of June, 1733, relating to laws, manufactures and trade in the British Plantations in America, which may have affected the trade, navigation and manufactures in England —(a very interesting document, being an account of all the Colonies, describing their peculiar privileges, laws, manufactures, &c.) S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 7. Entry. 185 folios.

1734.

April 6. Whitehall. Letter from the Duke of Newcastle to the Board of Trade, enclosing the address of the House of Peers to the King, of the 5th April, desiring the Board to revise and consider during the recess of Parliament, the several proposals that may at any time have been laid before them, relating to the encouragements to engage the inhabitants to cultivate the naval stores, and to lay their observations before their Lordships. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 1. Original. 4 folios.

May 30. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America, desiring their opinion what further encouragements may be necessary to engage the inhabitants of the respective Colonies in the cultivation of naval stores. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 72. Entry. 2 folios.

June 17. New York. Letter from Gov'r Cosby to the Board of Trade.—Sends six Acts passed in New Jersey in Aug., 1733—recommended to the Assembly not to pass another money Act so soon, but there being a great want of paper money he gave his assent—Thomas Farmar, John Rodman and Richard Smith, Esqrs., are recommended to fill up the vacancies in the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 1. Orig'l. 6 folios.

Aug. 7. Letter from Gov'r Cosby to the Board of Trade—Recommending Mr. John Schuyler to be of the Council of New Jersey in the room of Mr. Peter Bard, deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 11. Original. 2 folios.

[Mr. Schuyler was of Second River, (Belleville,) Essex County, the owner of the copper mines there. Allinson (Laws, p. 385,) gives him the credit of erecting the causeway across the swamps, meadows, &c., between Newark and New York, "at a very great expense."]

Aug. 15. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Mr. Fane, desiring his opinion upon six Acts passed by the Assembly of New Jersey in Aug., 1733, viz: "An Act for the better enabling of creditors to recover their just debts, &c.,—"An Act for appropria-

ting part of the interest money, &c.,"—" An Act for the relief, &c., of prisoners for debt "—" An Act for the further support of the Government "—" An Act for the better enforcing an ordinance made for establishing fees, and for regulating the practice of the law"—and " An Act for making forty thousand pounds in bills of credit." S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 14, p. 368. Entry. 3 folios.

Oct. 23. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in the American Plantations, desiring regular transmission of accounts of all receipts and payments of public money. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 76. Entry. 5 folios.

Nov. 1. Whitehall. Order of Council referring to the Board of Trade's consideration the petition of Bristol merchants, (93 signatures,) in which they complain of a clause in the Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in Aug., 1733, entitled " An Act for the better support of the Government," whereby a duty of forty shillings per ton is laid on all copper ore exported from thence not directly for Great Britain. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 4. Order, original. Pet'n copy. 6 folios.

Nov. 1. Whitehall. Order of Council referring to the Board of Trade's consideration, a petition signed by 48 Bristol merchants, to the King, praying to repeal the Act of the Assembly of New Jersey passed in Aug., 1733, entitled an Act for the making of forty thousand pounds in bills of credit. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 5. Order, original. Pet'n copy. 4 folios.

[Nov. 30. Memorandum of information received from David Donaldson Dunster, about to sail for England, relative to improper appointments by the Governor—offices sold, &c. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Dec. 3. Letter from Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade—Mr. Paris attended upon him, and offered many objections against the Act of New Jersey passed in August, 1733, entitled " An Act for the better enforcing an ordinance made for establishing fees, and for regulating the practice of the law"—the Agent of New Jersey did not defend the said Act—the objections are enclosed for the Board's consideration—(the " objections" are numerous, and the reasoning elaborate—the paper is valuable, as it gives good idea of the state of jurisprudence in New Jersey at that period.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 3. Original. 40 folios.

Dec. 7. Petition presented to the Board of Trade by Mr. Ferd. John Paris, on behalf of James Alexander, John Chambers, William Smith, Joseph Murray, and Abraham Lodge, Esqrs., of N. J., praying for a Report against the Act passed by the Assembly of that Province in 1733, entiled " An Act for the better enforcing an ordinance made for establishing fees and for regulating the practice of the law." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 2. Original. 3 folios.

[Dec. 7. New York. Gov. Cosby to the Lords of Trade, recommending Col. Thomas Farmar, Doctor John Rodman, and Richard Smith, as Councillors for New Jersey, to supply the vacancies occasioned by the death of John Johnston, John Parker, and James Smith, deceased—Having recommended the removal of Lewis Morris, asks for the appointment of Robert Lettice Hooper in his place.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 24.]

Dec. 20. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, for disallowance of the Act passed in New Jersey in Aug. 1733, entitled "An Act for the better enforcing an ordinance made for establishing fees and for regulating the practice of the law." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 369. Entry. 2 folios.

1734--35.

Jan. 8. Custom House. Letter from Mr. Oxenford to (Mr. Popple,) enclosing an account of the quantities of pitch, tar, and turpentine, imported from the several Colonies in America from the year 1729 to 1733. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 5. Original. 12 folios.

[Jan. 13. Burlington. J. DeCow to James Alexander—Tract called "Pamphilia," on the Delaware, Salem county, had been purchased by Clement Hall, of the widow Grant, formerly the wife of John Jewell, to whom it had been bequeathed by her husband—tract said to contain 22,800, but the surveys were less by 2000 acres —(see 1699.) Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Feb. 21. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander and others, explaining why his bill for attending to the repeal of the New Jersey Act about fees should have been so large. Orig'l. Rutherfurd MSS.]

1735.

April 3. St. James'. Order of Council disallowing the Act passed in New Jersey in August, 1733, entitled "An Act for the better enforcing an ordinance made for establishing fees and for regulating the practice of the law." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 6. Copy. 3 folios.

May 5. Report of Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade, upon the New Jersey Act for making £40,000 in bills of credit, offering no objection to it. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 8. Original. 1 folio.

May 14. Report of Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade, upon the Act of the Assembly of New Jersey passed in August, 1733, entitled 'An Act for the further support of the Government," offering no objection to it in point of law, and leaving the arguments of the Bristol merchants against it to the Board's consideration. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 9. Original. 3 folios.

May 28. Report from Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade, upon three Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey passed in 1733, approving the same. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 64. Original. 2 folios.

June 17. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America, desiring to be informed (in order to lay the same before the House of Parliam't) what laws were in force on the 25th March, 1731, and what laws have been since passed in their respective Governments, by which any duties are laid on the Trade and shipping of England; also what are the duties on the importation and exportation of negroes, wines, &c. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 121. Entry. 3 folios.

N. B.—The Acts and Laws above required were laid before the Parliament 20th Feb., 1735–36.

July 4. Memorial of Mr. Partridge to the Board of Trade, praying they would be pleased to consider and report to the King upon New Jersey Act for making £40,000 in bills of credit. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 7. Original. 2 folios.

[Aug. 1 and 29. Chelsea, England. Lewis Morris (afterward Gov'r) to Lewis Morris, junr., at Morrisania—The West Jersey Society wish all their books and papers, excepting bonds, sent to England, describes them, and gives particular directions respecting several papers—Wishes special enquiries to be made respecting the tract known as "Pamphilia"—whether "one Hall" had become the purchaser of it, and from whom—endeavors to be made to "intimidate every one from buying or getting possession"—public notice to be given that the widow Jewell's title is defective, &c.—(see 1699 (?) and Jan. 13, 1734–35.) Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

August 6. Letter from Mr. Partridge to Mr. Secretary Popple, offering arguments in support of the Act of New Jersey passed in Aug., 1733, entitled "An Act for the further support of the Government," laying on a duty on copper ore exported to the other Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 10. Original. 4 folios.

August 12. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Popple to Mr. Burchet—That drafts of such commissions and instructions as are necessary to be given to private ships of war by the Governors in America, may be transmitted to the Board of Trade. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 124. Entry. 4 folios.

August. 13. The arguments presented by Mr. Partridge to the Board of Trade, in support of the 5 clauses in the New Jersey Act passed in Aug. 1733, entitled "An Act for making £40,000 in bills of credit," and objected to by Mr. John Sharpe, Solicitor, in behalf of several merchants of Bristol. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 12. Original. 27 folios.

August 13. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Committee of the Privy Council, upon a New Jersey Act passed in Aug. 1733, entitled "An Act for the better support of that Government," recommending to suffer it to lie by for the present, and that the Gov'r of New Jersey may be directed to move the General Assembly, to re-enact the several clauses of this Act with the exception of one, which imposes a duty of 40s. per ton upon copper ore exported from New Jersey to the Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 378. Entry. 6 folios.

August 27. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Queen—Peter Bard, John Johnston, John Parker, and James Smith, Esqrs., of the Council of New Jersey, being dead, John Schuyler, Thomas Farmar, John Rodman, and Richard Smith, Esqrs., are recommended to supply the vacant places in the said Council. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 381. Entry. 2 folios.

Sept. 26. Letter from Mr. John Sharpe, Agent to the Bristol merchants, to Mr. Secretary Popple, enclosing reasons against an Act passed in the Province of New Jersey on the 16th Aug., 1733, for making £40,000 in bills of credit, being an answer to Mr. Partridge's arguments (see 1735, Aug. 13) in favor of it. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 13. Original. 18 folios.

[Oct. 1. New York. James Alexander to Col. John Hamilton at Perth Amboy, advising him to call a meeting of the Proprietors of East Jersey, to devise measures to stop the proceedings of the Elizabethtown people in extending their bounds, and granting lands (with answer dated Oct. 17th, calling the meeting on 3d Tuesday of November.) Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Oct. 14. Letter from Mr. Partridge to Mr. Secr. Popple, enclosing a reply to Mr. John Sharpe's reasons (see 1735, Sept. 26) against the New Jersey Act of 1733 for making £40,000 in bills of credit, and desiring that the said Act may be laid before the King for approbation. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 14. Original. 60 folios.

Oct. 29. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, submitting an Act passed in New Jersey in Aug., 1733, for appropriating part of the interest money, &c., for His Majesty's confirmation. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 382. Entry. 2 folios.

Oct. 29. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, submitting an Act passed in New Jersey in Aug. 1733, for making forty thousand pounds in bills of credit, for His Majesty's confirmation. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 383. Entry. 2 folios.

Nov. 21. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander—

The complaint of the Gov'r (Cosby) against Lewis Morris had been heard, and the reasons for removing him from the Chief Justiceship (of New York) declared insufficient—complaints had been made of some persons against Alexander, Morris and Van Dam, of disaffection, &c., remonstrances, &c., had been presented by him (Paris) and Col. Morris—in Col. Morris's matter the Law Lords had decided that a Governor's letters were not sufficient authority for the Board of Trade to act upon, but that his complaints must be substantiated by proof —recommendations as to the course to be pursued in preparing answers to the complaint. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Extract printed in Collections of the Society, Vol. IV. p. 26. Copies of Governor Morris's "Case," printed as submitted to the Board, are in Rutherfurd MSS. and Whitehead MSS.]

Nov. 26. St. James'. Order of Council confirming an Act of Assembly of New Jersey passed in Aug. 1733, entitled "An Act for appropriating part of the interest money paid or payable into the Treasury to the incidental charges of this Government." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 15. Copy. 4 folios.

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Popple to Mr. Burchet —That the Admiralty will send to the Board of Trade an account of the number of ships of war in America, their strength, and where stationed. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 126. Entry. 1 folio.

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secretary Popple to John Willes, Esq., Attorney Gen'l, and Dudley Ryder, Esq., Sol. Gen'l, desiring their answers to two queries, viz:—"whether, in any case, the Gov'r can sit and vote as a member of the Council," and "whether, on the death or absence of a Governor, the President is capable of acting and voting as a Councillor during the time he acts as Gov'r and represents the King." S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 126. Entry. 4 folios.

[For answers, both in the negative, see N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 41.]

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Jan. 24. Whitehall. Order in Council referring to the Board of Trade a petition (enclosed) from British merchants trading to the Colonies in America, setting forth the many hardships which interfere with their trade there. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 14. Original. 66 folios.

Feb. 20. Account of the laws in force in New Jersey on the 25th March, 1731, relating to the duties or impositions on the trade and shipping of Great Britain. S. P O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, pp. 188, 211. Entry. 5 folios.

March 4. St. James'. Order of Council confirming an Act of New Jersey passed in Aug. 1733, entitled "An Act for making forty thousand pounds in bills of credit." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 16. Copy. 4 folios.

March 15. Perth Amboy. Letter from Mr. Skinner to Sir William Keith—Gov'r Cosby died the 10th of March—the people of N. Jersey are resolved to have a separate Governor—desire that His Majesty will send them Sir Wm. Keith for their Governor. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 40. Original. 4 folios.

March 18. Whitehall. Order of Council directing the Board of Trade to prepare an instruction to the Gov'r of New Jersey to prevail upon the Assembly to take off the duty on copper ore exported to other Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 17. Original. 6 folios.

March 18. Petition of the President, Council, Speaker, and Messrs. Johnson, Hude, and Grover, members of the Assembly of New Jersey to the King, praying for a separate Governor. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 36. Original. 5 folios.

Enclosed in following.

March 19. Perth Amboy. Letter from Mr. John Anderson, President of the Council of New Jersey, to the Duke of Newcastle, informing him of the death of Gov'r Cosby on the 10th of the same month, and that he took upon him the administration of the Government—Sends two Addresses to the King from New Jersey praying for a separate Governor.

N. B.—Mr. Anderson died on the 28th [27th ?] of the same month, seventeen days [16 days ?] after he was placed at the head of the Government—[The papers of the day make him to have held the office 18 days. He is called "a gentleman of the strictest honor and integrity, justly valued and lamented by all his acquaintances."] S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 35. Original. 3 folios.

Enclosing the foregoing and following papers.

March 19. Perth Amboy. Petition signed by twenty-two of the Grand Jury of [Middlesex county at] Perth Amboy to the King, praying for a separate Governor. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 37. Original. 4 folios.

Enclosed in foregoing [a draft of this petition in Whitehead MSS.]

1736.

April 8. Perth Amboy. Letter from John Hamilton, Esq., President of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade—John Anderson, Esq., late President, having died, the administration of the Province devolved upon him—the want of Councillors is much felt. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 23. Original. 4 folios.

Similar letter was written to the Duke of Newcastle. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 38.

[For notice of John Hamilton, see "Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 168.]

[April 10. New York. R. Ashfield and James Alexander to Col. John Hamilton, President of New Jersey, congratulating him

on his accession to the administration of the Government of New Jersey, and suggesting the issuing of a proclamation concerning quit rents. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

April 21. Whitehall. Order of Council upon a representation from the Board of Trade, relating to the Governors of the Colonies in America sitting and voting as members of their respective Councils, directing the Attorney and Solicitor General to reconsider the case, and report their opinion thereupon. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 23. Original. 4 folios.

April 29. St. James'. Order in Council directing the Board of Trade to prepare draft of an instruction to the Governor of New Jersey, relative to alterations in the prayers for the Royal Family. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 16. Original. 3 folios.

May 5. Letter from Sir William Keith to the Duke of Newcastle, soliciting to be appointed Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 39. Original. 2 folios.

[Sir William Keith had been Governor of Pennsylvania from 1717 to 1726, having previously been Surveyor General of the Customs of America. Proud (Hist. Penn., II. p. 177) says he was "a good solicitor of popularity," possessing and practising those arts which seldom fail to please the populace; but in Penn'a sacrificed the interest of the Proprietor thereby. He wrote a history of the British Plantations in America, the first part of which, referring to Virginia, was printed in 1738. It is not known that any more was published. He died in 1749. A miniature sketch of him by John Watson is in the possession of the Editor.]

(?) Representation and petition of Sir William Keith, Bart., to the King, praying His Majesty's grant of a Royal Commission appointing him Governor of New Jersey, which Province might be so improved as in a short time would make that small Government a valuable office without any charge or expense to the Crown. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. (Bundle.) Original. 6 folios.

May 13. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing draft of an additional instruction to Mr. Hamilton, President of the Council, and Commander-in-Chief of New Jersey, relative to alterations in the prayers for the Royal Family. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 220. Entry 7 folios.

May 13. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Committee, with the draft of an additional instruction to the Gov'r of New Jersey, relating to the Act levying a duty on copper ore. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 385. Entry. 8 folios.

May 24. Whitehall. Order of Council referring to the Board's consideration the petition of the Grand Jury of New Jersey, met at Amboy March 19, 1735–36, praying to have a separate Governor. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 19. Original. 8 folios.

May 24. Whitehall. Order of Council, referring to the Board's

consideration the petition of the President, Council and Assembly of New Jersey to the King, for a separate Governor. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 18. Orig'l. 10 folios.

May 24. Whitehall. Order of Council, referring to the Board's consideration the petition and several papers therein inclosed, of Richard Partridge, agent for New Jersey, praying for a separate Gov'r for that Province. S P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 20. Original. 38 folios.

June 2. Bermuda. Letter from Mr. Dinwiddie to the Board of Trade, proposing that a Surveyor General should be appointed, to visit all the Provinces in America, and report accordingly, and offering to undertake the same. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 18. Original. 22 folios.

June 16. Kensington. Order of Council, directing that an Act passed in New Jersey, 16 Aug., 1733, entitled "An Act for the better support of that Government," should for the present be suffered to lay by probationary. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 22. Copy. 2 folios.

Aug. 4. Memorial from Sir William Keith, Bart, (ex-Gov'r of Pennsylvania,) to the Board of Trade, offering to give every information as regards the Province of New Jersey, and to explain most of the facts contained in the several petitions of the inhabitants of that Province for a separate Governor. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 18. Original. 4 folios.

Aug. 4. Rough draft of the Minutes of the Board of Trade, containing arguments in favor of the petitions of the inhabitants of New Jersey for a separate Gov'r—Mr. Partridge and Sir. Wm. Keith supported the petitions. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 17, 18. Rough draft. 5 folios.

Aug. 5. Reasons why a separate Governor should be appointed for New Jersey, and ordered constantly to reside there, as well as Councillors and all other officers—submitted to the Board of Trade by Mr. Partridge, agent for that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 21. Original. 8 folios.

Aug. 5. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Committee of Privy Council, giving their opinion that a separate Gov'r for New Jersey would be a means to give a quicker dispatch to their public affairs, to increase their trade and number of people, and very much advance the general interest of the Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 390. Entry. 5 folios.

Sept. 1. Tower St. Letter from R. Partridge to John Courand—Has lodged a petition at the Council office for the King, relating to some disturbances in New Jersey, encloses a copy for the Duke of Newcastle. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 51. Original. 1 folio.

[Oct. 15. New York. James Alexander to Col. John Hamilton, Acting President of New Jersey—Communicating his opinion as one of the Council in favor of his relinquishing the position to Col. Lewis Morris, as the oldest Councillor. See Collections of the Society, Vol. IV. pp. 27–29. Original Draft, accompanied by a prior draft in the handwriting of Col. Morris, showing him to have been the author of the argument. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Oct. 20. Perth Amboy. Minutes of Council in New Jersey, showing what took place at that Board on the day when Mr. Morris demanded the administration of the Government of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 24. Copy. 3 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Mr. Morris to the Board, of 5 Nov., 1736.

Oct. 21. Perth Amboy. Representation from Mr. Reading, Mr. Van Horne, Mr. Provoost, and Mr. Farmar, Members of the Council of New Jersey, to John Hamilton, Esq., President of the same, giving their opinion that Mr. Morris has forfeited his right to the administration of the Government of that Province by his absence, without leave, in England. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 24. Copy. 11 folios.

Enclosed in Nov. 5, 1736.

Oct. 22. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Popple to Mr John Hamilton, President of New Jersey—The Board do not doubt but he will use his utmost endeavours to preserve the peace of the Province—if Mr. John Schuyler, Mr. Thomas Farmar, Mr. John Rodman, Mr. Richard Smith, Mr. Robert Lettice Hooper, and Mr. Joseph Warrell will not take the proper care to get their warrants for Councillors of N. Jersey, passed through the several offices—the Board would be obliged to recommend others. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 392. Entry. 3 folios.

[The fees were very heavy, and Councillors sometimes threw the expense upon the Governors who wanted their support.]

Oct. 25. Perth Amboy. Letter from Mr. Morris to the Duke of Newcastle—Upon his arrival in New Jersey he found Mr. Hamilton in the administration of the Government—upon a claim to it being made by Mr. Morris, the four of the Council advised Mr. Hamilton not to give up the seals, &c.,—Mr. Morris brings forward several arguments in support of his claim to the administration, and leaves the decision of it to the King. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 29. Original. 21 folios.

[See "Papers of Gov. Lewis Morris," (Collections, Vol. IV.) p. 27.]

Oct. 25. Perth Amboy. Proclamation by Mr. Morris, as President of New Jersey, directing that in the morning and evening prayers, a certain form and order of praying for the royal family to be observed, in pursuance of the instructions of 1 June, 1736, directed to him. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 24. Copy. 4 folios.

Enclosed in Nov. 5, 1736.

Oct. 25. Perth Amboy. Proclamation of Mr. Morris, as President of New Jersey, adjourning the Assembly of that Province to the 16th of Nov. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 24. Copy. 2 folios.

Enclosed in Nov. 5, 1736.

Oct. 25. Perth Amboy. Letter from Mr. Hamilton, President of the Council of New Jersey, to the Duke of Newcastle—Col. Lewis Morris demanded the seals, &c., of New Jersey, but the Council were of opinion that he forfeited his claim to the administration of this Province, owing to his absence in England—great inconvenience experienced from the insufficiency of the number of Council and their distant residence. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 48. Orig'l. 5 folios.

Oct. 29. New Brunswick. Proclamation by John Hamilton, Esq., President of the Council of New Jersey, commanding not to pay any regard or obedience to the proclamations of Lewis Morris, that no person do abet him with respect to his taking upon him the administration of the Government, and that Judges, Justices, &c., cause the said Lewis Morris to be apprehended and conveyed to the common gaol—also, ordering a certain form of prayer for the royal family to be used in all places of worship. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 26. Broadside. 6 folios.

Enclosed in following.

(Nov. 1. "Received.") Proposals for preventing a clandestine trade in the several Colonies in America, lately begun there. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 19. Original. 5 folios.

Nov. 5. Shrewsbury, New Jersey. Letter from Mr. Lewis Morris to the Board of Trade—Mr. Hamilton and the Council entered into combination not to deliver to him the seal and other insignia of the Government of New Jersey, on account of his absence in England—he issued two proclamations, but they were taken down in several places—the Province is very much divided, but he will not use any violence to obtain the Presidency, but will leave it to the King's decision—enclosing several papers to explain the state of things. S. P. O. B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 24. Original. 4 folios.

Enclosing before-mentioned papers.

Nov. 22. Perth Amboy. Letter from Mr. Hamilton, President of New Jersey, to the Board—Col. Morris claimed the administration of the Government, the Council were of opinion that he forfeited a right to it—great inconvenience is felt from want of a sufficient number of Councillors—it is necessary that members of the Council, besides being Resident, should have good estates in the Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 25. Orig'l. 5 folios.

Enclosing the foregoing.

Nov. 22. Perth Amboy. Letter from Mr. Hamilton, President of the Council of New Jersey, to the Duke of Newcastle—Mr. Morris continues to disturb the Government—by the advice of the Council a proclamation was issued for Mr. Morris's apprehension. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 49. Orig'l. 2 folios.

1736--37.

Jan. 25. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Duke of Newcastle, enclosing several papers from Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Morris, relative to their dispute about the administration of the Government of N. Jersey, and giving their opinion that Mr. Morris has forfeited his seat in the Council of that Province, and therefore his demand of the Government from Mr. Hamilton is very improper. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 394. Entry. 10 folios.

Jan. 31. London. Petition of Richard Partridge, agent for the Province of New Jersey—That violent disputes have arisen in the Province touching the right of Presidentship and Commander-in-Chief, between Col. Lewis Morris and Col. John Hamilton, which threaten great confusion, both having adjourned the Assembly to different days—hardships of being without a separate Governor, praying that as they are an independent Province they may have a Governor to reside among them—humbly prays His Majesty to take the premises into His Royal consideration. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. (Bundle.) Original. 7 folios.

Feb. 8. Hackingsack, Co'y of Bergen. Proclamation of Lewis Morris, Esq., adjourning the Assembly of New Jersey until the 26 of April. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 4, F. 27. Orig'l. 3 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Mr. Hamilton to Mr. Secr. Popple, Nov. 25, 1737.

1737.

March 25. Perth Amboy. Letter from Mr. Hamilton, President of the Council of New Jersey, to Mr. Secr. Popple—Mr. Morris disturbs the peace of the Government, though he resides in the Province of New York—sends the case stated between Mr. Morris and himself, in order to be laid before the Board. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 27. Original. 3 folios.

Enclosures. Reasons why Mr. Hamilton is rightfully entitled to the Government of New Jersey, notwithstanding the claim of Mr. Morris. 18 folios. Original proclamation of Lewis Morris, Esq., adjourning the Assembly of N. Jersey until the 26 of April. 3 folios.

N. B. Similar letter was written to the Duke of Newcastle bearing the same date.

April 15. Custom House. Letter from Mr. Carkesse to Mr. Popple, enclosing a list of the Collectors of Customs in America, including N. Jersey, with their respective districts, &c. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 21. Original. 8 folios.

(April 18. "Received.") Instructions for the Governor of N. Jersey, relating to the Acts of Trade, with observations thereon by the Commissioners of Customs. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12. N. 22. Draft. 116 folios.

May 10. (Secretary of State) to Gov'r Belcher—To countenance the agents of Sir T. Prendergast in concluding a suit between him and Mr. Auchmuty, still pending at Boston, though long since settled in England in Sir T. Prendergast's favor. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. (Bundle.) Orig'l draft. 4 folios.

[This is a Massachusetts Document.]

June 16. The case of the British Northern Colonies with regard to their trade with the sugar Colonies—Presented to the Board of Trade by Mr. Wilks. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, No. 25. Printed. 3 pp. ex. folio. About 24 folios.

Similar copy was presented to the Board by Mr. John Sharpe in 1731, Dec. 20. See S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 11, M. 29.

June 20. Whitehall. Letter from the Duke of Newcastle to the Board of Trade, directing the draft of a commission and instructions to be prepared for Lord Delaware to be Gov'r of New York and New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New York. Vol. 24, F. f. 53. Original. 1 folio.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 96.]

June 22. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Mr. Hamilton, President of the Council of New Jersey, acquainting him that Lord Delaware is appointed Gov'r of New York and New Jersey, and that he will with all convenient speed set out for his Government. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 14, p. 399. Entry. 1 folio.

June 23. Morrisania. Letter from Mr. Morris to the Duke of Newcastle—Sends observations on Mr. Hamilton's "reasons for detaining seals, &c.," of the Government of New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 54. Original. 1 folio.

Enclosing the following.

(June.) Observations on the reasons given by Mr. Hamilton's advisers, for his detaining the seals of the Province of New Jersey, after the demand made of them by Lewis Morris, Esq., President of the Council and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 55. Printed copy. 56 folios.

Enclosed in foregoing.

[July 6. London. Proclamation of the West Jersey Society, of their intention to apply to Parliament for an Act vesting their lands in Trustees, for the purpose of sale, &c. Original printed Broadside. Whitehead MSS.]

A copy also in N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Aug. 24. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to Mr. Hamilton, President of the Council of New Jersey, with queries as the soil, commerce, manufactures, produce, &c., of that Province. The letter. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 400. Entry. 1 folio. The queries. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 39, p. 153. Entry. 7 folios.

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing draft of an additional instruction to Lord Delaware, Gov'r of New Jersey, relating to alterations in the prayers for the royal family. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 232. Entry. 7 folios.

Nov. 29. Whitehall. Order in Council approving draft of an instruction to the Gov'r of New Jersey, relating to alterations in the prayers for the royal family. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 29. Attested copy. 3 folios.

Dec. 8. Perth Amboy. Letter from Mr. Hamilton, President of the Council of New Jersey, to Mr. Secr. Popple—The queries transmitted on the 24 of Aug. last he will answer soon—the Councillors are so much occupied that Mr. Hamilton could get no one to attend to the settling of the boundary question between Massachusetts and New Hampshire—the Province is in perfect peace and tranquillity. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 29. Original. 3 folios.

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Jan. 13. Whitehall. Letter from the Duke of Newcastle to the Board of Trade, communicating to them the King's pleasure in appointing Mr. Lewis Morris to be Gov'r of New Jersey, in the room of the Lord Delaware. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 28. Original. 1 folio.

Jan. 25. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Duke of Newcastle, enclosing a representation to the King, with the draft of commission for Lewis Morris, Sen., Esq., to be Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 400. Entry. Letter. 1 folio. Rept. 1 folio. Com. 13 folios.

Feb. 15. St. James'. Order of Council upon the representation from the Board of Trade, of the 25th of Jan., approving a draft of the commission for Lewis Morris, Esq., to be Governor of N. Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 4, F. 30. Copy. 2 folios.

[Feb. 25. Perth Amboy. John Hamilton to James Alexander —Referring to the proceedings of the Elizabethtown people respecting lands—no disorder committed—a watch upon them recommended—" I suppose upon the news of the Queen's death your Court goes into mourning. If so, I beg the favor of Mrs. Alexander to send me five and a half yards of her best black cloth, with lining, (either

durants or shalloon,) buttons, mohair, fustian, and all fit for a mourning suit, and two pair of breeches." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Mrs. Alexander carried on an extensive business (for those days,) in her own name. See Duer's Life of Lord Stirling, p. 6.]

[March 17. Commission of Robert Hunter Morris to be Chief Justice of New Jersey. Certified copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1738.

April 14. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Duke of Newcastle, enclosing representation to the King with the instructions for Lewis Morris, Esq., as Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 14, p. 408. Entry. Letter. 1 folio. Repr. 8 folios. Instr. 250 folios.

May 27. Whitehall. Order in Council referring to the Board of Trade a memorial of Henry McCulloh, touching certain proposals whereby the Colonies in America might become of greater importance to Great Britain, and the revenue be increased. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 30. Original. 54 folios.

June 21. Letter from Mr. Wood to the Board of Trade, enclosing a proposal for the better settling and peopling the Colonies in America, and also for raising corn. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 31. Original. 18 folios.

July 20. Kensington. Order of Council approving the draft of instructions for Lewis Morris, Esq., as Gov'r of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 32. Copy. 8 folios.

[July 22. Perth Amboy. Michael Kearney to (Lewis Morris?) —Some excitement caused from a rumour that Captain (Vincent) Pearse, (Col. Morris's son-in-law,) was at Sandy Hook, just arrived from England—a messenger had been sent down to inquire if such was the case, and if "the Commission," (making Morris Governor,) had been brought over—rejoicing of those in power, on learning that the report was unfounded—offers his house as a residence for the Gov'r. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Sept. 11. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—Received his letters patent, and published them at Perth Amboy on the 29th of Aug., and Burlington few days after —new writs issued for the Assembly—the people are overjoyed at having a separate Governor—they hope to establish a direct trade with England. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 31. Original. 4 folios.

[For memoir and papers of Governor Morris, see Collections of the Society, Vol. IV. It was thought unnecessary to give a special reference to all the papers in the possession of the Hist. Soc., referring to Gov'r Morris's Administration, as the important documents are printed in the volume referred to.]

Sept. 11. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Duke of Newcastle—Received his letters patent for the Government

of New Jersey—the people are overjoyed at having a separate Governor—thanks the King for the honor of being appointed Governor. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 62. Original. 2 folios.

Enclosing the following.

(Sept.) Address of the Council and Assembly of N. Jersey to the King—Giving thanks for having appointed a separate Governor—they hope the trade and commerce will flourish—acknowledge their satisfaction in the gentleman appointed to be their Governor, for his known justice, integrity and impartiality—signed by John Hamilton, Pres't of the Council, and Joseph Bonnel, Speaker. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 61. Original. 4 folios.

Enclosed in foregoing.

Nov. 2. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Morris—Congratulate him upon his appointment—send queries which are to be answered once a year—list of the Council to be sent once every six months. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 1. Entry. 12 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 31.]

May 25. Letter from Mr. Thomas Lowndes to Mr. Secretary Hill—He could propose a method to regulate paper currency in America—it is the interest of the Governors to keep the Board in the dark, as from this mysterious part of commerce the Governors' most beneficial jobs arise. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 33. Original. 2 folios.

See also Mr. Secr. Hill to Mr. Lowndes, May 30, 1739. Mr. Lowndes to the Board of Trade, Jan. 14, 1740.

May 26. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—An answer to the first query as regards the longitude and latitude of New Jersey—one of the Council of New Jersey, Mr. James Alexander, is absent at New York—Mr. Robert Lettice Hooper of the Council, and Chief Justice of the Province, is dead, and by the unanimous recommendation of the Council, Gov'r Morris appointed Mr. Robert Hunter Morris, also of the Council, to be Chief Justice—John Hamilton, Esq., resigned second Judge's place—the Gov'r appointed the late Speaker [Bonnel] in his stead—Col. Coxe, the third Judge, is dead, but no one is appointed as yet—several public papers are forwarded—observations upon an Act for the support of the Government—the insufficiency of the Gov'r's and other officers' salaries—observations upon the money bills—observation upon an Act for the erecting of a new county in the Western Division called Morris County—little or no gold or silver money in the Province—a list of the Council of New Jersey, with the distance of their habitations from Amboy or Burlington. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 34. Original. 40 folios.

Enclosures. Gov'r Morris's speech to the Council and Asembly. Printed Broadside. 24 folios. 1738, Oct 26.—The Council of New

Jersey's Address to Gov'r Morris. Broadside. 18 folios. 1738, Oct.—The Assembly of New Jersey's Address to Gov'r Morris. Broadside. 13 folios. 1738, Oct.—Gov'r Morris's Speech to the Assembly of N. Jersey, dissolving them. Broadside. 18 folios. 1738, March 15.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 47.]

May 26. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Duke of Newcastle—Sends the Act of Assembly of New Jersey—the difference between the Council and Assembly about the disposal of the money—unwarrantable conduct of the Assembly—they are dissolved—observations upon some Acts passed by the Assembly. S. P. O. Am. W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 142. Original. 9 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Lewis Morris," p. 54. Enclosures are the same as with Gov'r Morris's letter to the Board of Trade of the same date.]

May 30. Perth Amboy. Letter from Mr. Hamilton to the Board of Trade—Gov'r Morris, at the time of publishing his commission, declared that he was void of all resentments to any person whatsoever—upon Mr. Hamilton applying for his salary, Gov'r Morris would not grant it, but desired that he should pay him all the salary he had received as President of the Council, otherwise he (the Gov'r) would be obliged to sue him for it—solicits protection from the Board. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 33. Orig'l. 5 folios.

May 30. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secretary Hill to Mr. Tho's Lowndes, in answer to his of the 25th inst., informing him that the Board are ready to receive the proposed method to regulate paper currency in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 242. Entry. 1 folio.

See 1739, May 25, and 1739–40, Jan. 14.

June. 15. Whitehall. Letter from the Duke of Newcastle to the Board of Trade—Communicates two Addresses, *i. e.*, from the House of Lords and the House of Commons, requiring a statement of the paper currency in the American Plantations, and desires that the necessary accounts be prepared and laid before both Houses the next Session. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 37. Original, with enclosures. 11 folios.

July 5. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in the American Plantations, enclosing copies of Addresses of the Lords and Commons (see 15th June, 1739) requiring a state of the paper currency in the above Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Genl. Vol. 40, p. 244. Entry. 1 folio.

July 19. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secretary Hill (of the Board of Trade) to Mr. Fane, desiring his opinion, in point of law, upon nine Acts passed by the Assembly of New Jersey in March 1738–39. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 8. Entry. 4 folios.

[Sept. 14. Indian Deed to Andrew Lewis Johnston for land at the "Wading Place," on South River, Middlesex County. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Oct. 4. New York. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—Sends the Journals of Council and Assembly—misunderstanding between the Council and Assembly on account of the conference demanded by the former on the subject of the bill for the support of Government—observations upon it—the present Assembly will, in all probability, act better—a suggestion was made that the Governor's and the Officers' salaries should be fixed by Act of Parliament—Gov'r Morris does not approve the said plan, and thinks it impracticable. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 35. Original. 23 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 58; and see New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI. pp. 150 and 158, for Lieut.-Gov'r Clarke's comments upon some of the New Jersey legislation.]

Oct. 10. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Duke of Newcastle—Received warrant for granting letters of reprisals against the Spaniards in the West Indies, but is at a loss to know how to form these commissions, and under what Seal to give them—sends copies of Journals of the Council and Assembly of New Jersey—in consequence of the obstinate misunderstanding between the two legislative bodies, he dissolved the Assembly. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 147. Original (with the enclosures.) 6 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 63.]

Dec. 6. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade, in answer to the Circular Letter of the 5th of July last, enclosing a report of the Council of New Jersey upon the state of the paper currency in that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 36. Original (with enclosure.) 13 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 71.]

Dec. 31. Report from Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade, upon nine Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey passed in 1738–39, approving the same. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 65. Original. 7 folios.

1739--40.

Jan. 14. Letter from Mr. Tho's Lowndes to the Board of Trade, enclosing "A method to regulate the paper currency of America, and to prevent for the future the inconveniences that may arise therefrom to the commerce of Great Britain." S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 39. Original. 8 folios.

See also 1739, May 25, and 1739, May 30.

March 7. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Morris—They consider the conduct of the people of New Jersey as ungrateful for having thrown so many difficulties in his way—the misunderstanding between the Council and Assembly was delibe-

rated upon, and the Board consider the Assembly in the wrong—they should be happy to hear of the things being in a better condition. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 10. Entry. 5 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 84.]

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March 27. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the House of Lords, with copies of papers relating to the paper currency and the value of gold and silver in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 245. Entry. 17 folios.

March 27. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the House of Commons, pursuant to their Address to the King of 13th June, 1739, enclosing copies of papers relating to the paper currency and value of gold and silver coin in the American Plantations. S. P. O.,B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 251. Entry. 12 folios.

April 15. Whitehall. List of papers relating to the value of foreign coin, paper money, and Acts affecting Trade in America, presented to the House of Commons in pursuance of their Address to the King of the 10th instant. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 254. Entry. 4 folios.

March & April. State of the paper currency in the British Plantations in America, by way of abstract from the several accounts returned by the Governors of the said Plantations to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, and by their Lordships laid before both Houses of Parl'm't in March and April, 1740. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 40. Rough draft relating to N. Jersey. 4 folios.

April 29. A computation of the value and trade of the British Empire of America, containing an amount of trading vessels belonging to each Colony—The value of those vessels—an account of export and import—and the number of fighting men in each Province, delivered to the Board of Trade by Mr. Robert Dinwiddie. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, N. 45. Original. 33 folios.

April 30. Remarks upon the resolutions of the House of Commons about paper currency in Colonies, showing that the King's proclamation and orders to the several Governors of British Plantations, in consequence of the Addresses of the House, would be very prejudicial, and tend to put the said Plantations into great confusion —(del'd to the Board by Mr. Partridge.) S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 13, N. 47. Rough draft. 10 folios.

May 20. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in North America, desiring their opinion what will be the most easy and effectual manner of sinking and discharging bills of credit with the least prejudice to the inhabitants of the

Plantations, and interruption of the commerce of England. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 255. Entry. 4 folios.

[See "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 90.]

May 21. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America, desiring to have a complete collection of all the laws which have been made, and are now in force in any of the British Colonies in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 257. Entry. 2 folios.

July 1. Whitehall. Order in Council, referring to the Board of Trade draft of instructions to the Governors in America, (including New Jersey,) relative to the rates of foreign coins in the several Colonies, and forbidding them to pass any Act for bills of credit until approved of by the King. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 13, N. 46. Original. 4 folios.

July 9. Whitehall. Additional instructions to the Governors in America—"An Act for ascertaining the rates of foreign coins in the Plantations" to be punctually observed—not to give assent or to pass any Act whereby bills of credit may be issued in lieu of money, without the clause that the said Act shall be approved by the King. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 261. Entry. 14 folios.

July 31. Custom House. Letter from Mr. Clarkesse to Mr. Secr. Hill, informing the Board of Trade that one Caspar Wistar, a Palatine, established a glass work within eight miles of Salem, in West Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 37. Orig'l. 1 folio.

[Caspar Wistar was father of the Professor of Anatomy, Physician, and author of several professional works, who subsequently became distinguished in Philadelphia.]

August 31. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Duke of Newcastle—Three companies of 100 men were raised in New Jersey—had the commissions come for officers, two more might easily have been raised—the Assembly granted £2,000 for the expedition against the Spaniards in the West Indies. S. P. O. Am. & W Indies. Vol. 12, p. 229. Original. 2 folios.

[See "Papers of Gov'r Morris.]

Oct. 18. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Duke of Newcastle—Proceedings of the Assembly with regard to the expedition against the Spaniards in the West Indies—the number of men raised for the said expedition—the grant of £2,000 by the Assembly to transport the forces, &c.—the cause of the scarcity of currency in New Jersey—the state of the two divisions—an account of the Quakers in the Western Division—an account of the Council of New Jersey—some of them were suspended at their own request, and one for non-attendance—the alternate holding of the Assembly at Amboy and Burlington proves very inconvenient to the people

and officers—the Order of the Council as they stand in rank—new members for the Council recommended. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 230. Original. 40 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 116.]

Oct. 25. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—The Assembly paid no attention to the Board's opinion expressed in their letter of the 7th of March last—the new Assembly comes up to that of their predecessors, or rather exceeds them—transmits all the Acts of Assembly passed during the last session, and all his speeches to them during the course of it—observations upon the Acts, and reasons for not assenting to some of them—three Councillors snspended, Mr. John Willis and Mr. Cornelius Van Horne at their own requests, and Mr. Wm. Provoost for not attending though summoned—Gov'r Morris admitted Mr. Peter Baynton to sit at the Board—the number of Council and the rank as they stand—Mr. Archibald Home, Mr. John Allen, Mr. Richard Ashfield, and Mr. Edward Antill recommended to be of the Council—the Assembly find Amboy and Burlington very inconvenient to meet at—left to Gov'r Morris to name another place of meeting. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 38. Original. 22 folios with the enclosures.

Enclosures. The speech of Gov'r Morris to the Assembly. Printed. 25 folios. (1740, April 16.)—The Assembly's Address to Gov'r Morris. Printed. 15 folios. (1740, April 16.)—Gov'r Morris's proclamation about the expedition against Spaniards. 6 folios. 1740, April 19.—Speeches made, and a letter written by Gov'r Morris to the Assembly of New Jersey on the intended expedition against the Spaniards in the West Indies. Printed. 60 folios. 1740, June 26, and July 31.

[Letter Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 123.]

Oct. 29. Letter from Mr. Thomlinson to Mr. Hill, enclosing a scheme relative to the paper currency in America, where it will be impossible for gold and silver to continue a medium for want of a staple. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 13, N. 49. Original. 30 folios.

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Jan. 3. Trenton. A proclamation by Gov'r Morris for regulating the currency of foreign coin in New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 45. Broadside. 7 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade, Aug. 16, 1741.

Jan. 21. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the House of Commons, relative to the bills of credit in America—The ill effects of an undue issue—proposals that no further emittance be allowed without the King's consent. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 269. Entry. 22 folios.

Feb. 24. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secretary Hill to Mr. Fane, desiring his opinion, in point of law, upon six Acts of the New Jersey Assembly, passed 31st July, 1740; and upon an Act the better to enable creditors to obtain satisfaction of their recoveries against their debtors, &c. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 12. Entry. 3 folios.

Feb. 24. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending Mr. Archibald Home to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. Robert Lettice Hooper, Esq., deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 14. Entry. 1 folio.

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April 17. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America, enclosing copies of two Acts of Parliament, viz :—An Act to prohibit, for a limited time, the exportation of corn, &c.; and an Act for licensing the importation of victuals into Scotland. S. P.O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 276. Entry. 2 folios.

April 23. St. James'. Order of Council appointing Mr. Archibald Home to be of the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 42. Copy. 3 folios.

[June 16. Trenton. Gov'r Lewis Morris to Daniel Donaldson Dunster, Perth Amboy—Opinion on some legal points. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

June 22. Report from Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade, upon seven Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey passed in 1740. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 66. Original. 2 folios.

August 13. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Justices, enclosing additional instructions to the Governors in America, relating to the ensigns to be worn by ships having private commissions, or bearing letters of marque or reprisal. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 279. Entry. 6 folios.

August 14. Trenton. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Duke of Newcastle—The not complete success of the arms in West Indies will at present render it more difficult to raise recruits in America —the Assembly do not give so much aid owing to its being composed mostly of Quakers—one or two hundred men may be raised, provided blank commissions, tents, colours, &c., are sent. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 12, p. 265. Original. 5 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Morris, p. 131.]

August 16. Trenton. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—The difficulty of obtaining an account of what laws have been passed owing to the offices being kept in two places, viz., Amboy and Burlington—during the sitting of the Assembly at Burling-

ton, an old chest full of papers belonging to that office was discovered in a garret of a house hired by Gov'r Morris for his servants—an account of the tenor and amount of bills of credit current in New Jersey will shortly be forwarded—observations upon the paper currency —encloses some papers. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 43. Original. 30 folios.

Enclosing Minutes of Council and Assembly of New Jersey, and his proclamation for regulating the currency, Jan. 3, 1741.

Aug. 20. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Morris—Recommend to continue the same vigorous opposition to the unwarrantable pretensions of the Assembly—Mr. Home recommended to be of the Council of New Jersey—they cannot advise His Majesty to alter the meetings of the Assembly, unless in conjunction with Council they will petition for it—a particular list of the Council to be sent every six months—the usual queries sent to him to be answered. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 15. Entry. 15 folios.

[Original in N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.,—a duplicate in Rutherfurd MSS., and printed in "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 137.]

[Sept. 16. Perth Amboy. Fenwick Lyell to James Alexander, New York—Asking his legal advice in relation to the estate of Gabriel Stelle—involving proceedings of Rev. Wm. Skinner, of Perth Amboy—estate of Geo. Willocks, &c. Orig'l. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Nov. 4. N. Jersey. Representation from the Council and Assembly of New Jersey to Gov'r Morris, praying for an encouragement from His Majesty for the making of iron. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 46, 47. Original. 7 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade, Dec. 16, 1741.

[Dec. 3. New York. James Alexander to Elisha Dobree, Philadelphia, recommending an application to Mr. Hamilton, President of the Council of East Jersey Proprietors, if he wishes to obtain the copying of the records, which is in contemplation—covering copies of previous communications on the subject. Original draft and copies. Rutherfurd MSS.]

See Dec. 23, 1741.

[The Records of the Eastern Proprietors, notwithstanding the surrender of the Government in 1701, continued in the possession of their Register until 1715, when James Smith, Secretary of the Province, was appointed Register, the effect not being foreseen, that the latter office would become lost in the former, and that the records, the possession of which they had retained, notwithstanding the exertion of Lord Cornbury to dispossess them, would be considered the property of the Province. Such, however, was the result, and the Proprietors, experiencing great inconvenience in consequence, it was at this time proposed that copies should be made of all such documents as referred to their affairs, for their exclusive use, the originals remaining with the Secretary of the Province. The services of Mr. Dobree and John Bartow were engaged, and the copies made by them are now in the Register's office at Perth Amboy, and the originals are in the Secretary of State's office at Trenton.]

Dec 16. Trenton. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—The Acts, the Minutes of Council and votes of Assembly are sent—the Assembly more manageable—ill precedent of the New York Assembly in voting not to raise any supplies—observations on some Acts passed the last Assembly at New Jersey—Address about making iron, recommended. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 46. Original. 13 folios.

Enclosing 1741, Nov. 4.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 139.]

Dec. 16. Trenton. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Duke of Newcastle—Sends the Acts, &c. of New Jersey, with observations upon them—bad precedent given by the Assembly of New York—address from the Council and Assembly of New Jersey concerning the making of iron—Capt. La Vaux was in New Jersey about three years since, and presented Gov'r Morris with an engraved map of Surinam—it was reported that the said Capt. La Vaux was imprisoned in the Island of St. Christopher as a spy—bad policy of sending recruiting officers into the neighbouring Provinces. S. P. O. Am. & West Indies. Vol. 12, p. 307. Original. 11 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 142.]

[Dec. 22. New York. James Alexander and R. Ashfield to Mr. Pacheco, London—Transmitting a copy of an Act of the Assembly, (that "Regulating purchases of land from the Indians" in Cornbury's time,) which had gone forward for the approval of the Crown—the services of Francis Gasherie to be obtained; if not procurable, those of Mr. Partridge—the usual charge for confirming an Act had risen to about £50 sterling, which they sent therewith—wishes books to be obtained for the copies of the Proprietary Records. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.

From some cause this Act, although all-important to the Proprietors, had never received the approval of the Crown. See N. J. Hist. Soc. Collections, Vol. IV. p. 158.]

[Dec. 23. Philadelphia. Elisha Dobree to John Hamilton, offering to engage to transcribe the Public Records in the Secretary's office at Perth Amboy—Accustomed to get 4s. per day, writing from nine until dark—or he would copy by the page. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

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Jan. 7. New York. James Alexander and Richard Ashfield to John Hamilton at Perth Amboy—Referring to the proposed copying of the Records (see 1741, Dec. 3, and Dec. 23)—the services of John Bartow to be secured to assist Mr. Dobree—opinion expressed as to the books to be copied, &c.,—had sent to England by Bryant for blank books. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.

Bryant was a successful and experienced navigator between England and America. See Contributions to East Jersey History, p.145.]

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April 7. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secretary Hill to Mr. Fane, desiring his opinion upon six Acts of the New Jersey Assembly, passed the 1st Nov., 1741. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 22. Entry. 3 folios.

April 8. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Duke of Newcastle, with an extract of a letter from Gov'r Morris to them and the Representation from the Council and Assembly of N. Jersey, about making iron, in order to be laid before the King. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 24. Entry. 2 folios.

June 16. The memorial of Rodrigo Pacheco and Richard Partridge to the Board of Trade, praying that an Act of New Jersey, passed 24 Nov., 1703, entitled "An Act for regulating the purchasing of lands from the Indians," may be laid before the King for his confirmation. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 47. Original. 2 folios.

July 30. Report from Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade, upon six Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in 1741, approving the same. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 5, F. 67. Orig'l. 3 folios.

Aug. 3. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov. Morris—The observations upon all the Acts of Assembly to be sent with them—to prevail with the Assembly to provide a proper house for the Records—to take care for the punctual sinking of outstanding bills, and to give from time to time an account of what number of these bills are paid off and sunk—by a gentle and prudent management the Quakers may be prevailed upon to provide for the militia—the "Act to prevent any action under £15 being brought into the Supreme Court, is respited, being laid before the King until they hear from him again"—the proposals about making iron are laid before the King—desire copies of all Minutes and Journals from 1730 to 1736, and the Receiver General's accounts. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 25. Entry. 12 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 149.]

[Oct. 19 to Nov. 5. Memoranda of a journey from Perth Amboy to Romopock, and round by Hackensack, viewing lands, arranging titles with settlers, surveying, &c. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.

A Mr. Forman one of the party—the expedition apparently for the information of the Proprietors.]

Oct. Extracts from the Minutes and Votes of the House of Assembly of the Colony of New Jersey, met in General Assembly at Burlington on Saturday, the 16 of Oct., 1742. Printed by Benjamin Franklin, by order of Andrew Johnston, Esq., their Speaker, to which are added some notes and observations upon the said votes, also the Governor's speech to the Assembly on his dissolving of them; and the letters and orders mentioned and referred to in the Gover-

nor's speech. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 55. A printed pamphlet, containing 56 12mo. pages.

[Dec. 6. New York. James Alexander to Messrs. Pacheco and Taverez, London—Concerning the Act for regulating the purchases of land from the Indians—refuting objections against its confirmation in consequence of presumed informalities. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Dec. 6. New York. James Alexander to Chief Justice Morris, of New Jersey—Referring to the recommendation of Gov'r Morris, which the Proprietors of East Jersey desired, in order to secure the approbation of the Ministry to the Act regulating purchases of land from the Indians—asking for his intervention to procure the document. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Dec. 15. Trenton. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—He would not assent to some Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey—they are dissolved—proceedings of the Assembly during their sitting—observations upon some Acts of the Assembly—owing to the change of residence and the illness of his son, Gov'r Morris could not answer the queries—writs for the new Assembly are about to be issued—the inconsiderable foreign trade of New Jersey—comparative value of paper currency of New York, New England and New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 18. Original. 25 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 152.]

Dec. 15. Trenton. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Duke of Newcastle—Assented to one Act of the Assembly of N. J., only, viz. that for the support of the Government—by granting £500 to the Gov'r the Assembly believed would induce him to assent to the Act for emission of £40,000 in bills of credit—the majority of the Council are very much under the influence of the Assembly—proposes to appoint a Lieut. Gov'r. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 13, p. 1. Original. 5 folios.

[See "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 156.]

[Dec. 20. Trenton. Gov'r Lewis Morris to the Lords of Trade —Forwarding a memorial of the East Jersey Proprietors, asking for the royal approval of the Act regulating purchases of land from the Indians, and recommending a compliance with its request. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.

Printed in "Papers of Gov. Morris." N. J. Hist. Soc. Collections, Vol. IV. p. 158.]

[Dec. 20. Trenton. Chief Justice Morris to James Alexander —enclosing above-mentioned letter from Gov'r Morris to Lords of Trade—Had sent to Mr. Bartow, the Deputy Secretary at Amboy, a copy of the Act referred to, taken from the printed leaves, with a request that he would make it conform to the original, and forward it. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Dec. 20. Trenton. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—The Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey desire to have recommended an Act for regulating the purchasing of lands from the Indians, for His Majesty's approbation—their memorial is enclosed. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 49. Orig'l. Letter, 4 folios; memorial, 12 folios—16 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 158.]

[Dec. 25. Perth Amboy. Thos. Bartow to James Alexander —Transmits the printed copy of the Act regulating purchases of land from the Indians, which he had received from Chief Justice Morris—the original Act not in his office, he had not therefore been able to make it conform therewith. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

1742--43.

[Jan. 19. Trenton. Chief Justice Morris to James Alexander —Had been surprised to hear from Mr. Bartow that the original of the Act sent to him (Dec. 20, 1742,) was not in his office. The Governor thought himself ill-used in having an exemplification tendered to him for the Seal of the Province, under a promise that it should be compared with the original—when the original was not to be found, and the sending of the copy to England with his or the Governor's consent improper—the Governor wishes Mr. Alexander's correspondent to be written to not to present either his letter or the exemplified copy, until a further search could be made, or he would feel obliged to make known to the Lords of Trade the circumstances of the case. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Jan. 24. New York. James Alexander to Chief Justice Morris—In answer to his letter of Jan. 19th, 1743—giving his views as to the sufficiency of the exemplification of the printed Act sent to England—but he had requested his correspondents not to cause that or Gov'r Morris's letter to be delivered until further orders—desires farther search to be made for the original Act, and if not found, that the Governor would consent to the presentation of the copy already sent. Orig'l draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Jan. 27. Whitehall. Letter from Thos. Hill to Wm. Wood, Secretary to the Commissioners of Customs, enclosing a list of the ports in America where naval officers reside—which includes New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 282. Entry. 6 folios.

March 8. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Hill to Mr. Fane, desiring his opinion upon two New Jersey Acts, viz., "An Act for regulating the purchasing of land from the Indians," passed in Nov., 1703, and "An Act for the support of the Government, &c." passed 25 Nov., 1742. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 29. Entry. 2 folios.

[April 15. Affidavit of William Bradford before Chief Justice Morris—That he was the Queen's printer by commission from Lord Cornbury, at the time of the passage of the Act regulating purchases of land from the Indians—and that the said Act was truly printed by him—and that subsequently as printer for the Province of New Jersey, he reprinted the New Jersey laws, the first law in the book being the Act aforesaid, reprinted from the first impression, &c. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

April 18. Report of Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade, approving two Acts of the New Jersey Assembly, transmitted to him by Mr. Secr. Hill on the 8th of March, 1742–43. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 4, F. 51. Original. 1 folio.

June 9. Amboy. Letter from Mr. John Hamilton, of the Council of New Jersey to the Board of Trade—Gov'r Morris has commenced a suit against him for the salary received as President of the Province—desires their Lordships' assistance. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 52. Original. 4 folios.

June 10. Kingsbury. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—Transmits Minutes of Council of New Jersey, and other public papers—the new Assembly are likely to be better than the last—sends answers to the queries received from the Board as to the situation, trade, manufactures, produce, &c., of New Jersey—Gov'r Morris for the last two months suffers inflammation in his leg. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 53 and 54. Original. Letter, 3 folios; answers, 75 folios; 78 folios.

[Letter printed in "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 162.]

[June 24. London. Messrs. Pacheco and Taverez to Jas. Alexander—Had received his letter of Jan. 24, with enclosures, (letters from and to Chief Justice Morris,) but after action had been had relative to the Act referred to—gives copy of Mr. Paris's letter, stating that after a report had been received from their Council in favor of approving the Act, the Lords of Trade had agreed not to recommend such a course, but to suggest to the Governor the passage of a new one, in consequence of the long time which had elapsed since its passage—Mr. Paris does not agree with Mr. Alexander, in thinking it all essential to have it confirmed—P. and T. much grieved at the course of events connected with the affair, fearing it might prejudice the Lords of Trade against Mr. A. and themselves. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

June 30. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Morris—His conduct with regard to the Assembly approved—the Board recommends obtaining another Act of Assembly relative to the purchase of lands from the Indians, to allow reasonable time to all those persons who in ignorance purchased the lands, to come in and take out licenses and confirmations of their grants from the

Proprietors. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 30. Entry. 7 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 163.]

Aug. 23. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Gellibrand, Deputy Secretary to the Board of Trade, to Mr. John Hamilton, of the Council of New Jersey—The Board, from the 28th of March, 1736, till Mr. Morris took possession of the Government, looked upon him to be the legal President and Commander-in-Chief of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 32.* Entry. 2 folios.

[Sept. 9. Memorandum of what took place between James Alexander and William Smith, (at the former's house, while waiting to take "a glass of bitters" about one o'clock,) in presence of Messrs. Chambers and Murray—relative to the taxing of costs upon Elizabethtown cases—Smith thinking Mr. Alexander was in fault in not having had it attended to at previous term, and Mr. A. retorting, placing the blame on Smith—"I told Mr. Smith that I should not enter into the particulars of what he had then done, but I would give him my thoughts in general of what he had done, and that was, that he was so rude, so insolent and abusive to the Chief Justice, to Mr. Murray and to me upon that occasion, that he deserved to have his bones broke—Mr. Smith, having the glass in his hand, said, I shall drink none of your wine—I said, you may let it alone then." Original, in Mr. Alexander's handwriting. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Sept. Fragment in handwriting of Robert Hunter Morris, being a copy of the last paragraph to a paper on "the State of New York on Gov'r Clinton's arrival there." N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.
Gov'r Clinton arrived Sept. 20th.]

[Nov. 16. Solomon Boyle to James Alexander—Had been to Elizabethtown the week before, and been informed that the people of that place and the people of Newark had come to a written agreement relative to their boundary—the Newarkers to join in "sending home against the Proprietors"—but "Col. Ogden said it was not finished, and that none of the Ogdens would agree to it"—the chief persons, Capt. Wheeler, Justice Crane, and Justice Ferrand—this course caused by the Proprietors having surveyed some part of the Indian purchase above the mountain." Orig'l. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Dec. 12. Newark. David Ogden to James Alexander—Confirming the principal items of intelligence communicated to Mr. Alexander by Solomon Boyle, (Nov. 16, 1743,) and giving further information respecting the proposed agreement between Newark and Elizabethtown—"Mr. Fitch, from Norwalk," had met the Elizabethtown committee, and left with them a petition to the King for relief against the Proprietors, with which they were much pleased, [see Aug. 21, 1744.]—Matthias Hetfield and Stephen Crane had been chosen by them to go to England during the winter, and lay it be-

fore the King—had not seen it, but from what he had learned he believed they 1st, stated the matters in controversy; 2d, that no probability existed of their being settled in the ordinary courts; 3d, that the numerous suits pending were impoverishing the people, and praying to have the case heard by the King, or by Commissioners, and if the latter, that they might be appointed from New England —had sent a copy of Boyle's letter to Mr. Hampton, at Elizabethtown, requesting him to forward to Mr. Alexander a list of the Elizabethtown Committee for the previous twenty years. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

1743--44.

March 3. Kingsbury. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—Sends the Assembly of New Jersey's votes and his speeches—observations upon several Acts passed there. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 57. Duplicate. 13 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 181.]

March 3. New Jersey. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Duke of Newcastle—Acts of the New Jersey Assembly transmitted—observations upon the said Acts—the Assembly's conduct towards Chief Justice—they would do nothing for the defence of the Province—sends his last speech, which the Assembly omitted to print in their votes. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 13, p. 21. Duplicate. 9 folios.

[See "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 184.]

1744.

May 15. Amboy. Letter from Mr. John Hamilton, of the Council of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade—Received Mr. Gellibrand's letter of the 23d of Aug., 1743—Gov'r Morris given no directions about bringing the trial on. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 56. Original. 1 folio.

May 21. New York. Postscript to the New York Weekly Post-Boy, containing full particulars of the excommunication of a Chief Justice of the Lower Counties in Pennsylvania by the Quakers, for having expressed himself about self-defence as lawful, and pressed it as necessary. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 13, p. 87. Broadside. 11 folios.

Enclosed in the following letter.

June 10. Kingsbury. Letter from Governor Morris to the Duke of Newcastle—The King's declaration of war against France published in the Province—the Assembly are going to meet on the 22d June, when it will be tried to prevail upon them to put the militia into some better condition if the influence of the Quakers do not prevent it—the Quakers excommunicated a Chief Justice of the Lower Counties in Pennsylvania, who thought self-defence lawful—it will have injurious effects upon the New Jersey people—encloses an

account of that affair. S. P O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 13, p. 86. Original. 3 folios.

Enclosing the foregoing.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 191, and see p. 192 for an explanation of the circumstances referred to.]

June 11. Kingsbury. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—Transmits several Acts and Minutes of the Assembly of New Jersey—expects an opposition from the Quakers to the militia bill. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 59. Orig'l. 2 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 194.]

Aug. 2. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Morris—Received his letter of the 10th June, 1743—it is hoped that the new Assembly will behave in a manner more satisfactory to him—sorry to hear of his illness—received his letter of the 3d March, 1743–44. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 34. Entry. 2 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov. Morris," p. 200.]

[Aug. 20. Decree of Court of Chancery of New Jersey under Royal Provincial Seal, in case of Daniel Smith *vs.* the Heirs and Executors of Gabriel Stelle on vellum. Original exemplification. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS]

Aug. 21. Whitehall. Order of Council, referring to the Board's consideration, copy of the petition of the inhabitants of Elizabethton, (309 in number,) praying that His Majesty will be pleased to hear and determine a controversy arisen between them and several others, calling themselves Proprietors of the Province of N. Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 60. Order, original. 3 folios. Petition, copy. 42 folios.

[For the petition referred to see Elizabethtown Bill in Chancery, p. 121, where it appears at length without date, and the above-mentioned order will be found printed on page 123 of the Bill.]

Aug. 28. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in America, enclosing copy of an order of Council promising encouragement to such Protestants as shall be willing to settle on the Island of Rattan. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 295. Entry. 2 folios.

Sept. 26. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secretary Hill to Mr. Fane, desiring his opinion in point of law upon thirteen Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in Nov. and Dec., 1743. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 35. Entry. 6 folios.

[Nov. 10. Burlington. Samuel Nevill (Speaker, &c.,) to James Alexander—The *Ex parte* Bill had been twice read in the House, and met with some warm opposition, in consequence of a presumed attempt to invalidate Nichol's Patent, &c.—Had, by permission of the House, spoken on the subject, and set the matter in a proper

light—the bill was to lie over till the next session, and to be presented for the inspection of the members—" the Elizabethtown petition to His Majesty hath been read in our House, and orders are to be sent to the Agent not to intermeddle, it no ways concerning the public." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

(December.) Representation from the Council in Assembly met in New Jersey, containing reasons for rejecting several Acts, and a censure upon the conduct of the Assembly in relation to the Militia Bill. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 69. Printed. 8 folio pages.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade, Jan. 28, 1745.

Philadelphia. The Speeches of Gov'r Morris to the House of Assembly of New Jersey met at Burlington on the 22d of June, 1744, with the Assembly's Address and Message to the Gov'r—to which is added an abstract of the bill, entitled " An Act for settling and better regulation of the Militia of the Province of New Jersey, and for making provision in cases of insurrection, rebellion, or invasion," as sent down from the Council to the House of Assembly upon the 30th of June, and some observations from the votes of the Assembly. Printed by B. Franklin, 1744. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 70. Pamphlet of 36 pages. 12mo.

Enclosed in the following.

1744--45.

Jan. 28. Kingsbury. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—The Assembly refuse to settle Militia—he dissolves them —the new Assembly as bad as the former, whom Gov'r Morris dissolved the 8th of January, 1744–45—the Assembly's proceedings before their dissolution—dispute between the Gov'r and Assembly about the paper money—the Council disapproved the Assembly's proceedings—the state of the Council of New Jersey—observations on paper money in the Plantations—the manner of granting the support of Govern't in New Jersey—the unwarrantable encroachments of Assemblies in some Plantations are pernicious—the Assembly will be called in Spring time. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 68. Duplicate. 65 folios.

Enclosing the foregoing.

[Printed in " Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 213, &c.]

N. B.—Similar letter in substance was written by Gov'r Morris to the Duke of Newcastle, 28th Jan. 1744–45. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 13, p. 218.

[Printed in " Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 226.]

Jan 31. Kingsbury. Letter from Gov'r Morris to Mr. Partridge, Agent for New Jersey—The printed copy of the bill to be brought in Parliament about the paper money was shown to the Assembly, who came to a most imprudent vote upon it—sends repre-

sentation of the Council of New Jersey to him on the state of the paper money—the Assembly are annoyed at the said representation —orders of the Assembly now dissolved or of an Assembly not dissolved are not the orders of the Government, and that Mr. Partridge, as an Agent, ought not to esteem them as such. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 71. Copy. 6 folios.

Enclosed in the following.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 229.]

Feb. 1. Kingsbury. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—Mr. Partridge was directed by the late Assembly to appear against the bill to be brought into Parliament with relation to the paper currency, but he has no such orders from the Government of New Jersey—*Edward Antill, *James Hude, *Andrew Johnston, John Coxe, Peter Kemble, and Tho's Leonard, Esqrs., recommended to be of the Council. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 71. Original. 3 folios.

Enclosed in foregoing.

[* For information respecting these gentlemen, see "Contributions to Hist. of Perth Amboy," &c., pp. 227, 374, 72, &c., &c.]

[March 14. (R.) Deed from the Indians confirmatory of a prior deed to John Low, Samuel Harrison, Nathaniel Wheeler and others, for a tract of land lying between the Passaic River and the top of the first mountain, which prior deed bore date some time in March, 1701–2, and "was lost by fire in the house of Mr. Jonathan Pierson of Newark, providentially burnt the seventh day of March, 1744–45." Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.

One of the documents laid before his Council by Gov'r Belcher, Nov. 19, 1747.]

March 15. Report from Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade upon eight Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed there in Nov. and December, 1743, approving the same—(the other five were reported upon the 1st Sept. 1746.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 61. Original. 4 folios.

1745.

April 11. St. James'. Order in Council approving the draft of instructions for the Governors of New York and New Jersey—exhorting them to afford all the assistance in their power to the Province of Nova Scotia, so far as is consistent with their own safety. S. P. O. Am. & W. Ind. Vol. 103. Original. 3 folios.

[April 18. Answer of Assembly to Gov'r Morris—Cotemporaneous copy, with passages underlined, as objectionable to the Governor. Whitehead MSS.]

See "Papers of Gov'r Morris," Hist. Soc. Collections, Vol. IV. p. 236–239.]

[April 30. (Trenton.) Chief Justice R. H. Morris to Ja's Alexander—Wishes there were more moderate men in the House (of Assembly)—an Address agreed upon containing many things that had better been left out—the Governor busy in preparing an answer —the Militia Bill sent to the Council on 18th, but not yet acted

upon for want of a quorum, which the members of the House complain of very much—no one can tell the issue of the session—wishes Mr. Alexander to come to Trenton—thinks something ought to be done with the people on "the great tract" who had opposed the Proprietors' Surveyor, &c. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[See "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 238.]

[May 3. Commission from Governor Lewis Morris to Elisha Parker of Perth Amboy, to be an attorney-at-law. Orig'l. Whitehead MSS.

See "Contributions to Hist. Perth Amboy," p. 130.]

June 19. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Justices of England, proposing Edward Antill, James Hude, and Andrew Johnston, Esqrs., to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Fenwick Lyell, Peter Baynton, and Archibald Home, Esqrs., deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 38. Entry. 2 folios.

[See "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 219, 220. "Contributions to East Jersey History," pp. 72, 85, 227, 374.]

June 20. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Justices, proposing Peter Kemble, John Coxe, and Thomas Leonard, Esqrs., to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Cornelius Van Horne, John Schuyler, and John Wills, Esqrs., resigned. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 39. Entry. 2 folios.

[See "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 220.]

July 3. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Morris—Several letters received—the remarks in his letter of the 3d of March, 1743-44, upon several Acts passed in N. Jersey were read and considered—the Board are much sorry to find so little disposition in the Assembly to support the Govern't, or to take measures for the defence of the Province; also that there are differences between the said Assembly and the Council—the gentlemen proposed for the Council of New Jersey are recommended to the King—to send Naval Officers' accounts. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 40. Entry. 11 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 256.]

[July 8. Perth Amboy. Elisha Parker to James Alexander—Transmitting names for insertion among the defendants in the Proprietors' Bill in Chancery against the Elizabethtown people, (the thirteen last named in the list on page 24 of the printed bill,) three of them "say they'd make no scruple of killing a Proprietor if they were to be hang'd for it." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Aug. 15. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Morris—What are the fees demanded in the Province—whether tables of the fees are regularly set up in the offices—Gov'r Morris

ought to revise and regulate the said fees. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 45. Entry. 2 folios.

Aug. 15. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Justices of England upon an Act passed in New Jersey in December, 1743, entitled "An Act for ascertaining the fees to be taken by the several officers in the Colony of New Jersey"—which fees are so inconsiderable, that no persons of character or reputation will care to accept of employments therein—propose the repeal of it—enclose an extract of the proceedings of the Assembly of that Province in relation to the said Act. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey Vol. 15, p. 46. Entry. 12 folios.

[Aug. Extract from Minutes of Supreme Court, August term, 1745. Copy. Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

Sept. 18. Kensington. Order of Council appointing Edward Antill, James Hude, and Andrew Johnston, Esqrs., to be of the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 73. Copy. 4 folios.

[See June 19, 1745.]

Sept. 18. Kensington. Order of Council appointing Peter Kemble, John Coxe, and Thomas Leonard, Esqrs., to be of the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 74. Copy. 4 folios.

[See June 20, 1745.]

[Sept. 19. Commission to Edward Antill to be one of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Fenwick Lyell, deceased. Certified copy. Rutherfurd MSS.

See "Papers of Gov'r Morris," pp. 220, 283.]

[Sept. 20. Commission to James Hude to be one of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Peter Baynton, deceased. Certified copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Sept. 21. Commission to Andrew Johnston to be one of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Archibald Home, deceased. Certified copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Sept. 23. Commission to Peter Kemble to be one of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Cornelius Van Horne, resigned. Certified copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Sept. 25. Commission to Thomas Leonard to be one of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of John Wills, resigned. Certified copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Oct. 22. Kingsbury. Letter from Gov'r Morris to the Board of Trade—The Assembly of New Jersey will not grant a support for the Government, unless the Gov'r and Council give assent to their bill for the making of £40,000 paper currency—the last "support,"

which expired in Sept. 1714, gave so small salaries, that it would hardly defray the charges of attending upon those officers—the Government has been without any support from September, 1744—the Council will not alter their reasons for refusing their assent to the above bill—the disputes about the titles to the lands—one man was imprisoned for trespass, but rescued out of prison by force—they may be influenced by the French intrigues, the rioters being mostly Irish—sends an Act of Assembly for £2000 to buy provision for the forces at Cape Breton—reasons for giving assent to it—Andrew Johnston, John Coxe, Peter Kemble, and Tho's Leonard, Esqrs., recommended to of the Council of New Jersey—James Alexander, Esq., of the Council, is a man of considerable interest and estate, and one of the best lawyers, but he resides at New York—census of the Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 75. Origi'l. 13 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Lewis Morris," p. 279.]

Similar letter was written to the Duke of Newcastle. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 13, p. 309.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 282.]

An account of the number of people in the Eastern and Western Division of the Province of New Jersey, taken by order of Gov'r Morris in the year 1745—showing comparative increase and decrease in the several counties since the year 1737–38. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 77. Original. 12 folios.

[See "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 282. The total number of inhabitants was 61,403.]

Nov. 18. (R.) Copies of depositions taken before Joseph Bonnel, Esq., by John Morris, aged 79 years, Abraham van Gieson, aged 80 years, Michael Vreelandt, aged 81 years, Cornelius Demaress, Samuel Harrison, John Condict, Deacon Samuel Alling, Samuel Tompkins, Francis Spier, Hendrick Francisco, Joseph Riggs and others, relating to the course of the Proprietors of East Jersey in obliging them to re-purchase their lands after having enjoyed long and peaceable possession—The views of the Indians as to the rights of the Proprietors, &c. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.

One of the documents laid before his Council by Gov'r Belcher, Nov. 19, 1747.]

[Nov. (R.) A list of rioters indicted in Essex County Quarter Sessions, and removed by Certiorari into the Supreme Court the November term following (Nehemiah Baldwin, Joseph Pierson, Daniel Williams, Nathaniel Williams, Eleazer Lawson, Gamaliel Clark.) Rutherfurd MSS.

One of the documents laid before his Council by Gov'r Belcher, Nov. 19, 1747.]

[Nov. (R.) A list of rioters in Essex County returned upon a record of view, filed in the Supreme Court November term—(21 in number.) Rutherfurd MSS.

One of the documents laid before his Council by Gov'r Belcher, Nov. 19, 1747.]

[Nov. Extracts from Minutes of Supreme Court, November term. Copy. Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

1745--46.

New York. "A Brief vindication of the Purchassors Against the Proprietors in a Christian Manner"—A smal 120mo. pamphlet of 48 pages, containing arguments in favor of the settlers, interspersed with religious poetry—on the title page, the following note is written in the hand of Mr. Ja's Alexander of the Council of New Jersey:—"This ought to have been with papers transmitted in December and Feb. last, but copies could not then be got at New York, the author having carried all to New Jersey for sale there." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, after F. 93. 96 folios.

[March. Extract from Minutes of Supreme Court, March term. Copy. Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

1746.

[May. A list of rioters in Essex County returned upon a record of view (at a second riot) filed in the Supreme Court in the May term (44 in number.) Rutherfurd MSS.

One of the documents laid before his Council by Gov'r Belcher Nov. 19, 1747.]

May 15. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Morris—Desire a continuation of the best endeavours to quiet the minds of the people—commend the zeal of the people of New Jersey for giving £2000 towards the expedition to Cape Breton. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 52. Entry. 4 folios.

[Printed in "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 313. The despatch did not reach New Jersey until after his death, which occurred 21st May.]

June 24. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, upon an Act of the New Jersey Assembly, passed there in Dec. 1743, entitled "An Act concerning acknowledging deeds in the Colony of New Jersey, and declaring how the estate or right of a Femme Couverte may be conveyed or extinguished"—Recommending the same to be confirmed. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 54. Entry. 2 folios.

July 18. Whitehall. Letter from the Duke of Newcastle to the Board of Trade, conveying the King's commands that the drafts of a commission and instruction be prepared for Jonathan Belcher, Esq., as Gov'r of New Jersey, in the room of Gov'r Morris, deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 78. Original. 1 folio.

July 24. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Duke of Newcastle, with a representation to the King, with the draft of a commission for Jonathan Belcher, Esq., to be Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 55. Entry. Letter, 1 folio; Repr'n, 2 folios; Commis'rs, 50 do.: 53 folios.

Aug. 7. Whitehall. Order of Council referring to the Board of Trade the petition of Mr. Richard Partridge, agent for New Jersey, praying in behalf of the said Colony, that His Majesty would grant an order of leave to the Gov'r or Commander-in-Chief to give his assent to the passing of an Act for emitting the sum of £40,000 in bills of credit. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 79. Original. 14 folios.

[Aug. 11. Newark. Notice of Nath'l Wheeler, Samuel Harrison and others, to the Proprietors of East Jersey, stating their willingness to appear in Court, &c., to test their rights—Complaining that all the lawyers of note in New Jersey and adjoining Provinces had been engaged against them—requesting that one attorney might be released who would take charge of their case. Rutherfurd MSS.

The copy served upon Elisha Parker, one of the Proprietors' Counsel.

Printed in Appendix to Bill in Chancery, p. 22.]

[Aug. ? Memorandum of persons who appeared before John Eaton, Pontius Stelle, Commissioners, and Andrew Johnston, Treasurer of the Eastern Division of New Jersey, "to be duly 'listed in His Majesty's service, and who they got in their room." Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[Aug. 13. Perth Amboy. Orders of Acting Governor John Hamilton to Captain James Parker, to hold himself in readiness to proceed with his company of provincial troops to Albany. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[Aug. 18. Perth Amboy. Orders from Acting Governor John Hamilton to Captain James Parker to muster his company of 80 men on the 22d August, ready for service. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Aug. 22. Kensington. Order of Council approving the draft of a commission for Jonathan Belcher, Esq., to be His Majesty's Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 83, [and Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 103.] Copy. 2 folios.

Aug. 22. Kensington. Order of Council confirming an Act of New Jersey, passed in 1743, entitled "An Act concerning acknowledging deeds in the Colony of New Jersey, and declaring how the estate or right of a Femme Couvert may be conveyed or extinguished." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 84. Copy. 4 folios.

Aug. 23. Perth Amboy. Commission granted and signed by President Hamilton of New Jersey to Nathaniel Ware, appointing him Captain of a company of 100 men by him raised for the expedition to Canada. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. (Bundle.) Orig'l. 9 folios.

Aug. 23. Perth Amboy. Commission signed by John Hamil-

ton, Esq., President of His Majesty's Council, and Commander-in-Chief of New Jersey, appointing John Dagworthy, Esq., jun'r Captain of a company of 100 men raised by him for the intended expedition to Canada. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. (Bundle.) Orig'l. 9 folios.

[Aug. 29. Perth Amboy. Orders and instructions from Acting Governor John Hamilton to Captain James Parker, relative to the embarkation of his company for Albany. Orig'l. Whitehead MSS.]

Sept 1. Report from Mr. Fane to the Board of Trade upon five Acts of the New Jersey Assembly, passed in November, 1743, approving the same. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 80. Original. 2 folios.

[Sept. General account of supplies furnished the different Captains of the New Jersey troops destined to the northern frontier. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[Sept. 3. Receipt of Captain James Parker for the stores supplied his command. Copy. Whitehead MSS.]

Nov. 27. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Duke of Newcastle, enclosing a representation to the King, with the draft of instructions for Jonathan Belcher, Esq., as Gov'r of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 77. Entry. Letter, 1 folio; Repr'n, 6 folios; Instr'n, 250 folios: 257 folios.

[Dec. 8, 9, 10.—1747, March 18, 19, May 6, 7, 8, 9, 11. Minutes of the Council of New Jersey, referring to the riots—Information from Col. Schuyler, relative to the provincial troops—the strength of the different companies—President Hamilton's Message to the Assembly—Acts approved, &c. MS. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Dec. 24. New Jersey. Letter from Ja's Alexander and R. Hunter Morris, Esqrs., of the Council of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade—Upon the death of Governor Morris, the administration devolved upon John Hamilton, Esq., who being ill, desired them to write—500 men were raised in New Jersey and sent to Albany—£10,000 were *lent* to clothe and arm the troops—riots in New Jersey on account of the disputed title to the lands in the Eastern Division—the Government is too weak to put a stop to them—the infection of insubordination is daily spreading, and will probably soon get into Pennsylvania and N. York, which may affect the dependence of the Plantations on the Crown—the officers of the Government of New Jersey have been without any salaries ever since Sept. 1744. [See letter from the same gentlemen to the Duke of Newcastle, dated Dec. 23, 1746, printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 326.] S. P.O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 81. Original. 9 folios.

Enclosing the following.

Dec. 24. New Jersey. An account of the riots at Newark, in the County of Essex, and in other parts of New Jersey, signed by Rob't Hunter Morris and Ja's Alexander, Esqrs., of the Council of that Province, containing about 70 folios—The Weekly New York Post Boys for Feb. 17, 1745–46, May 19, 26, 1746, giving an account of the riots in N. J., and March 25, 1746, the state of the case of the Proprietors of the Eastern Division respecting their title to the lands in New Jersey. Printed. Double column, folio size. 11 pages. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 81.

All enclosed in foregoing.

[Doubtless this is the Document printed in Appendix to Elizabethtown Bill in Chancery, p. 1. The Post Boys of May 19 & 26, 1746, contained Mr. Nevill's speeches.]

A collection of papers presented to the House of Representatives of New Jersey by Nath. Wheeler, Samuel Harrison, Jonath. Person, John Condict, Nath. Camp, Sam. Baldwin and Mich. Cooke, in answer to the "state of the case of the Proprietors of the Eastern Division, respecting their title to the lands in New Jersey"—(See 1746, Dec. 24, an account of the riots.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 86, 87. Copies. 60 folios.

Address of the President and Council of New Jersey to the King, congratulating him upon the success of the British forces under the command of the Duke of Cumberland. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 13, p. 311. Original. 4 folios.

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[Jan. 27. London. Ferd. John Paris to Ja's Alexander—Had retained the Att. and Solic'r Generals for the East Jersey Proprietors against Elizabethtown people, and also against New York, in relation to the boundary line—Believes no alteration has been made in the standing instructions to the Governors of Colonies relating to the interest in the soil—the commission to Mr. (Jonathan) Belcher (to be Governor of New Jersey) had been lying in the Secretary of State's office many months, "fee bound"—five blanks had been left in Mr. Belcher's commission for the names of five Councillors, under the supposition that the gentlemen appointed in Sept. 1745 (see p. 194) did not desire to sit as Councillors, inasmuch as their mandamuses had never been taken out, or the fees (£22 2s. 6d. each) paid—under the advice of the Messrs. Penn had taken them out—paid £110 12s. 6d. for them, and had their names inserted in the commission—had Mr. Belcher had any interest, or stood well at the offices, by paying the fees for his commission he might have had five Councillors put in of his own selection—difficulties in the way of Mr. Alexander's name being presented for one of the Council, it having just been discovered that he had not been named in Gov'r Morris's instructions, and therefore, from 1738 to 1746, had held an anomalous position, presuming that he was of the Council, when, in reality, he was not—to bring the matter up, by presenting his name,

would cause inquiries difficult to answer—Mr. Belcher's Council stood as suggested by Mr. Alexander, excepting that Charles Read was one instead of himself, he having been recommended by Mr. Belcher, as well as Ebenezer Large and —— Shinn. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Feb. 10. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander—Had discovered that the omission of Mr. Alexander's name in Gov'r Morris's instructions (see letter Jan. 27, 1746–47) arose from carelessness of the Clerks of the Board of Trade—had brought the matter in such a manner before that body, that in order to prevent the circumstances being detailed in a petition to the King, they had sent for the "fee bound" commission and instructions of Mr. Belcher, "tore the first sheet, re-engrossed it with your name in its place amongst the Councillors, and consequently Charles Read's out"—Mr. B. of so little consequence that he was never sent for or spoken to on the subject—does not know when he will be able to pay his fees and obtain his papers—in these proceedings had received no aid from Messrs. Mico, Knapp and others of the West Jersey Society, whom he had found as "ignorant, cold, and unnatural persons" as he had ever spoken to—Mr. A. must not depend upon them for any assistance in any matter—had not communicated with Mr. Belcher about the Province, and gives his reasons, confidentially, based upon the poor opinion entertained of him—treats of his character at some length—Belcher had been attempting, ineffectually, to have his instructions so drawn as to authorize the passage of paper money bills, irrespective of the Royal approval.

Refers in a postscript to a suggestion of Gov'r Morris's, in a letter dated Jan. 28, 1744–45, which he had seen—that showed the Lords think it advisable to remove Mr. Alexander from the Council on account of his non-residence—he would recommend Richard Saltar to fill the vacancy. See "Papers of Gov'r Morris," p. 220. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Feb. 12. St. James'. Order of Council approving the draft of instructions for Jonathan Belcher, Esq., Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 85. Copy. 7 folios.

[Feb. 13. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander—Mr. Belcher, for the first time in five months, had called at the proper office to inquire about his papers, and deposited £200 to pay the fees—supposition that the money had been obtained through the agency of his brother-in-law (Mr. Richard Partridge) among the Quakers of Yorkshire, upon representations of the benefit derived by the Quakers in Massachusetts during the administration of Mr. B. there, and what might be expected from him in New Jersey—would keep the ministers in mind of the affairs of New Jersey from time to time—"if you can help or succour yourselves, pray do immediately, without waiting for relief from him, which will come very late,

if at all"—if sending over forces was desired, he did not think their great men would consent to it, as they can neither spare the men nor bear the expense. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Feb. 13. New York. Letter from Ja's Alexander and R. H. Morris, Esqrs., of the Council of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade —Send some public papers—great numbers of the rioters had a meeting and passed a law against the cutting of timber—Samuel Nevill, Esq., was threatened by the rioters. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 86. Original. 3 folios.

Feb. 17. New York. Letter from Mr. Alexander of the Council of New Jersey to the Board of Trade—Transmits the copies of the Minutes of Council—Mr. Morris is out of town. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 87. Original. 1 folio.

[Feb. 18. Act for running and ascertaining the line between New Jersey and New York, passed by New Jersey Assembly. Exemplified copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

March 6. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Duke of Newcastle, enclosing extract from Mr. Alexander and Mr. Morris's letter of the 24th of Dec. 1746, upon the unsettled state of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 152. Entry. 2 folios.

[March 18 and 19. Minutes of the Council of New Jersey—See 1746, Dec. 8, 9, 10. MS. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

1747.

March 25. London. Thomas Penn to James Alexander—Had received Mr. A.'s letter of 21st June, just after losing his eldest brother—is concerned to find that the inhabitants of N. J. have dared, in so open a manner, to trample on their laws and civil Gov't —from Mr. Nevill's speeches not having had more effect, thinks the Assembly must be "very ignorant, or worse"—had had several conversations with Mr. Belcher on the subject, who seemed uneasy at the opposition to the King's authority, and thought the Proprietors should petition for "a force" to be sent to the Province—apprehends that on the arrival of the Governor, a new Assembly will be chosen, composed of them who will unite with him—he seems much to desire to put a stop to the irregular proceedings—Mr. Paris commended for his diligence—his brother's lands in New Jersey were left, by will, to his brother Richard, who was inclined to sell them—if a good offer could be obtained, would be disposed to sell all received through their father—Colonial matters not attended to "without being solicited as a private cause." Orig'l. Rutherfurd MSS.]

March 25. Perth Amboy. State of the case drawn up by the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey, in behalf of themselves and the rest of the general Proprietors of that Division, respecting their claim to the lands there, containing also a

narrative of all the proceedings from 17th April, 1746, to Dec. next, and copies of several representations, letters, affidavits, &c., &c., with regard to the riots in the county of Essex. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, after F. 93.

[Printed in Appendix to Elizabethtown Bill in Chancery, p. 13.]

(?) Account of the State of America, from Piscataway to Carolina—The weak and miserable condition of fortification and defence, as well in the towns and ports on the sea coast as on the frontiers, towards the French settlements and line of garrisons from Cape Breton to the mouth of the Mississippi. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 20. Copy. 14 folios.

(?) [The claim of the inhabitants of the town of Newark, in virtue of the Indian purchases made by the first settlers of Newark in 1667, stated and considered—Brief of opinion probably by Elisha Parker. Original draft. Whitehead MSS.]

[Perth Amboy. Charge of Judge Nevill to the Grand Jury of Middlesex County. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[April 7. Maidenhead. Edmund Bainbridge to Nathaniel Camp, Newark—(Bainbridge was one of the rioters in West Jersey)—enquiries as to the progress made in the affairs of the rioters in East Jersey, &c.—(see May 7, 1747.)

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 344.]

April 22. Newark. Letter from Mr. David Ogden to ————, enclosing two affidavits respecting the riots at N. Jersey—One made by Joseph Dalrymple, another by Tho's Miller and Tho's McConnell. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, after F. 93. Copies. 22 folios.

April 29. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, upon the petition of Rich'd Partridge, agent for New Jersey, praying leave for the Gov'r of that Province to give his assent to the Act for issuing £40,000 of bills of credit, (see 1746, Aug. 7, Order of Council,) giving as their opinion, that as Mr. Partridge had no authority from the Legislature of New Jersey to make such application, they see no reason why the King should comply with the prayer. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 153. Entry. 10 folios.

[May 6. New York. Gov'r Clinton to Col. Peter Schuyler, objecting to his having offered full pay to the men under his command, inasmuch as it was impossible to pay all the forces their whole pay—any difference in the pay of any portion must occasion disorder.

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 363. See May 23d and May 30th.]

[May 6, 7, 8, 9, 11. Minutes of the Council of New Jersey—See 1746, Dec. 9, and 1747, March 18. MS. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[May 7. Elizabethtown. William Chetwood to Robert Hunter Morris, enclosing a letter from Edmund Bainbridge to Nath'l Camp, Newark, "calculated to inculcate and encourage the scheme of the rioters," which he had found open on a table in one of his rooms a few days before—(see April 7, 1747.)

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 345.]

[May 8. Names of the men composing Captain James Parker's company of New Jersey troops, with the amounts paid to each. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

May 9. Whitehall. Order of Council referring to the consideration of the Board of Trade the petition of Gov'r Belcher, praying that if the Assembly of New Jersey do not settle a fixed salary on him during the whole time of his Government, he may be empowered to give his assent to such bills as shall be annually passed for paying him salary, a privilege granted to the Gov'r of the Massachusetts Bay on a like occasion. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 88. Order, original; Pet'n, copy: 11 folios.

May 10. New York. Letter from Mr. Ja's Alexander and Mr. R. H. Morris to the Board of Trade—The internal disorders of New Jersey are daily increasing with the number of rioters and riots, and the course of justice is at a stand—the Assembly is called—Minutes of Council and other papers are sent. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 92. Original. 3 folios.

[May 13. Affidavit of Solomon Boyle before Robert H. Morris relative to sundry proceedings of the rioters in Morris County.

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 346.]

[May 15. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander—Had enquired, from time to time, what steps had been taken about the riots—just as little done as he expected—"We are to have a new Parliament next year—we have a double war to carry on in Europe—we have a stadtholder just elected in Holland, and many other affairs (near home) to employ our great men's time and thoughts." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

May 19. Whitehall. Order of Council referring to the consideration of the Board of Trade the petition of Gov'r Belcher, praying to have two or three months' leave of absence at such time or times as may necessarily require his going to New England, and he may enjoy the full amount of salary which becomes due during such absence from the Government. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 89. Order, original; Pet'n, copy: 6 folios.

May 21. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to Lords of the Committee of Council, upon the petition of Gov'r Belcher, referred to them by Order of the said Council, (see 1747, May 9,) giving it as their opinion that there is no reason why the King should alter the 19th and 26th articles of his instructions to the said Gov'r

Belcher. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 157. Entry. 4 folios.

[May 23. New York. Gov'r Clinton to the Duke of Newcastle —The course pursued by Col. Peter Schuyler in paying the New Jersey troops objected to, as it led to discontent among the troops of New York—considers Col. Schuyler, while in his Government, as under his command—his course consequently subversive of discipline.

Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 349.]

May 23. New York. Letter from Mr. Ja's Alexander and Mr. Morris to the Board of Trade—The state of ill health of Mr. Hamilton, the President of the Council of New Jersey, increases daily—send copies of the Minutes of Council and other papers. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 91. Original. 2 folios.

May 26. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Mr. John Hamilton, Presid't of the Council of New Jersey—The letter from Mr. Alexander and Mr. Morris of the 24th Dec. 1746, containing an account of the riots at New Jersey, was laid before the Duke of Newcastle—it is hoped that the Legislature has put a stop to those riots—to continue to give frequent accounts of the state of the Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 159. Entry. 3 folios.

[The original in the Rutherfurd MSS.]

May 27. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Hill to Mr. Matthew Lamb, desiring his opinion in point of law upon an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in June, 1745, entitled "An Act for applying £2,000 interest money, now in the Treasury, (arising from the loans of the bills of credit,) for His Majesty's service." S P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 161. Entry. 1 folio.

May 28. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council, upon the petition of Governor Belcher, referred to them by the said Council, (see 1747, May 19, Order of Council,) giving in as their opinion that they cannot recommend to the King to comply with the prayer of the said Governor Belcher. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 162. Entry. 9 folios.

May 30. New York. Letter from Mr. Alexander and Mr. Morris to the Board of Trade—Mr. Hamilton's (the President,) ill state of health increases—copies of the Minutes of Council, and copies of four Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey passed during Mr. Hamilton's Administration, for raising money for the expedition against Canada. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 93. Original. 2 folios.

[May 30. New York. Governor Clinton to the Duke of Newcastle. Postscript—Had just received an express from Albany—all

the new levies in a state of mutiny for their pay in full—growing out of the payment of the Jersey troops, by Col. Schuyler, which was contrary to his orders and the orders Col. S. had received from the President of New Jersey. (See May 23d.)

Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 351.]

[May. Persons indicted for a riot in Somerset County Quarter Sessions, and removed into the Supreme Court, (Edmund Bainbridge, John Anderson, Samuel Price, John Bainbridge, Jr.) Rutherfurd MSS.

One of the documents laid before his Council by Gov. Belcher, Nov 19, 1747.]

June 25. New Jersey. Letter from Mr. John Reading, of the Council of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade—On the 17th of June Mr. Hamilton, President of the Council, and Commander-in-Chief of New Jersey, died—the Council met, and Mr. Reading was sworn into the administration of the Government—the Province is much disturbed. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 96. Original. 2 folios.

[July 18. Perth Amboy. John Deare to Robert H. Morris, Chief Justice—Account of the breaking open of the Amboy jail by a mob of 150 persons, and the rescue of John Bainbridge confined there. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[July 22. New York. James Alexander to Robert Hunter Morris. Extract—" The printer finished yesterday the printing the Elizabethtown Bill. I herewith send you what thereof you had not before." Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[July 23. New York. Gov'r Clinton to the Duke of Newcastle—In consequence of the mutinous state of the troops at Albany, had been obliged to draw bills for their payment in full. See May 23d, and May 30th.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 358.]

[July 25. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander—Nothing done in relation to the riots—more difficult than formerly to make searches in the papers of the Board of Trade—several papers connected with the surrender of the Government of the Province in 1701, which Mr. A. desired, he would endeavor to obtain—apprehends considerable difficulty. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[July 28. Tinton. Robert Hunter Morris to James Alexander—Had attended meeting of Council at Amboy the week before—affidavits laid before them relative to the riot at Amboy—the Council advised the calling the Assembly together as soon as possible—doubts if any thing effectual can be done to stop the evil—Mr. Coxe, Mr. Alexander, and himself appointed to draw up a representation of the state of the Province, to be laid before the King—As Chief Justice it would be his duty at the next term of the Supreme Court to charge the grand jury relative to the riots—wishes to con-

sult Mr. A. as to what should be said—suggestions as to the course to be pursued in the Assembly—their chief dependence upon the Middlesex members, and one or two others, whom they might influence to keep aloof from other parties, and hold the balance of power —their greatest safety in their strength in Council—an opposition expected when the new Governor should arrive—Mr. Coxe and himself, in conjunction with Mr. A., had been requested by the President, (Mr. Reading,) to prepare his speech to the Assembly for him, but leaves it to Mr. A. to attend to—report the Partridge had memorialized the Board of Trade in favor of a special instruction authorizing paper money—if so, it might occasion the removal of Partridge as agent, and lead to the appointment of Mr. Paris. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[July 31. Petition of Ferd. John Paris, in behalf of the Proprietors of East Jersey, to the Board of Trade, asking for permission to obtain from their office, on payment of the usual fees, attested copies of documents referring to a remonstrance and petition presented in the reign of William III., in the name of the inhabitants of E. Jersey; and to the answer thereto, to be used in the Chancery suit which had been commenced in New Jersey in 1745, (the Elizabethtown case.) Original copy in Mr. Paris's writing. Rutherfurd MSS.]

July 31. Petition of Ferd. John Paris, on behalf of the Proprietors of the lands in the Eastern Division of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade, praying to be allowed to have attested copies of several papers necessary to substantiate their title to the said lands. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 90. Original. 13 folios.

[See 1699, 1700, probably the same as the above.]

[Aug. "*An* ANSWER *to the Council of Proprietors' two Publications: Set forth at Perth Amboy the* 25*th March*, 1746, *and the* 25*th of March*, 1747. *As also some Observations on* Mr. Nevil's *speech to the House of Assembly, in Relation to a Petition presented to the House of Assembly, met at Trentown, in the Province of New Jersey, in May*, 1746." Pamphlet, 13 pp. Printed by Widow Catharine Zenger, at the printing office in Stone street. Rutherfurd Papers.

This pamphlet is in answer to the publications of the Proprietors, which may be found printed in the Appendix to the Bill in Chancery, and is reviewed in a document by Mr. Alexander, (the original draft of most of which is in the Rutherfurd MSS.,) which is printed in the same Appendix, p. 25—from which the purport and scope of this "Answer" can be ascertained. The pamphlet is exceedingly rare, the only other copy known to the Editor being in his own library.]

[Aug. List of persons indicted for high treason (32 in number,) at Amboy. Rutherfurd MSS.

One of the documents laid before his Council by Gov Belcher, Nov. 19, 1747.]

[Aug. A list of rioters in Middlesex County returned upon a record of view filed in the Supreme Court, (22 in number, there being about 150 in all.) This was the Amboy riot. Rutherfurd MSS.]

One of the documents laid before his Council by Gov. Belcher, Nov. 19, 1747.]

[1747, July 23. 1748, Feb. 19. Minutes of the Council of New Jersey, concerning the traitors and rioters—Complete with some exceptions. MSS. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[(Aug.) Perth Amboy. Elisha Parker to James Alexander, announcing the unexpected arrival of Gov'r Belcher—" Came to the Hook last night in the Scarborough man-of-war, and landed here from the barge before any soul in town knew it "—sends an express to acquaint him with the news. Orig'l. Rutherfurd MSS.

The Scarborough arrived at New York Aug. 8, 1747.

JONATHAN BELCHER was born January 8, 1682. His father was Andrew Belcher, who was born in Cambridge, Jan. 19, 1647, and became the most opulent merchant of his time in Boston, dying Oct. 31, 1717, aged 70. Jonathan graduated at Harvard in 1699. After travelling six years in Europe he returned to Boston and married Mary, daughter of Lieut. Gov. Wm. Partridge. (She died Oct. 6, 1736.) After having been a member of the Provincial Assembly and of the Council, he was sent to England as Agent of the Province in 1729, and on 29th Nov. of the same year was appointed Governor of Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He arrived at Boston with his commission Aug. 10, 1730, and after a troubled administration was superseded in 1741, and had remained in England most of the time thereafter, until his appointment to the Government of New Jersey.]

[Aug. 13. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander—Nothing had been done in relation to the riots in East Jersey—he regrets to find the Assembly so little disposed to assist the Government in repressing them, and fears they would be still less inclined to do so after the arrival of the new Governor (Belcher)—thinks he will pretend to be in the Proprietors' interest, while in reality favoring those opposed to them—had applied for the papers desired to sustain their case—had been heard upon his petition, and obtained permission to search for them—had made the searches and sends list of the papers—discusses the manner of their verification—has little expectation that the subject of the riots will be taken up by the Ministry. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Aug. 20. Morrisania. Rob't H. Morris to James Alexander, Burlington—Was well pleased with the Governor's (Belcher's,) answers to the several addresses presented to him—Council should press the matter of the riots until something effectual is done for their suppression—Governor Clinton had taken it amiss that Mr. Belcher had not notified him of his arrival—does not wish a misunderstanding to arise, and therefore wishes Mr. B. should know it was expected of him—had been informed by Mr. Ogden that some of the rioters had been indicted for high treason, and John Low, one of them, had gone to Boston. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Low's leaving for Boston was made use of to prejudice the cause of the rioters. See N. York Gazette of Oct. 12th, 1747, for a letter purporting to have been found, addressed to him at Boston.]

Aug. 27. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Arrived in New Jersey—on the 10th of August published

his Commission at Perth Amboy—proposes to reside in Burlington —the Province is in great confusion from riots committed in several parts. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 5, F. 95. Original. 3 folios.

Similar letter and under the same date was written to the Secr. of State, the Duke of Newcastle.

[See Belcher Papers, p. 22, in N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS. Letter to Mrs. Bodent, Sept. 16, 1747.]

[Aug. 27. Perth Amboy. Samuel Nevil to James Alexander, New York—Sends Minutes of the Assembly, principally relating to the rioters, with the addresses and the Governor's answer for publication in the "Post-Boy"—did not include the names of the Committee to whom the subject was referred, as the rioters might tamper with some of them. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

These extracts from the Minutes were published in the Post-Boy of Aug. 31, with the Governor's speech, &c.]

[Sept. 1. New York. James Alexander to David Ogden, Newark—Sends Post-Boys of Aug. 17th and 31st, containing matters relating to the Gov'r and Assembly of New Jersey—the rioters had addressed the Gov'r at Elizabethtown, but their address not being signed by any body he did not think proper to receive it—they were to wait on him again—thinks their pretended grievances can all be shown to be "chiefly either things false in fact, or things just, reasonable and lawful"—supposes "Parson Taylor" to be the composer of all their papers—wishes he had sufficient evidence of it. Orig'l draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Sept. 11. New York. James Alexander to William Smith—Sending draft of a certificate for the adoption of Mr. Smith, referring to some statements of the rioters respecting him in their publication, with notes by Mr. Smith. Orig'l draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Sept. 16. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Mr. Bradbury, London—Refers to the satisfaction he had enjoyed under his ministry for three years—had arrived at his Government after a tedious passage of nearly ten weeks—received by the people with all possible appearance of respect and satisfaction—was putting forward the building of a College, as he found them "unlearn'd and impolite"—desires a copy of a sermon he had heard him preach. Draft. Belcher Papers. N. J. Hist. Soc.]

Original draft in Mass. Hist. Soc. Library.

[Sept. 17. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to John Belcher—Informing him of his arrival—"a fine climate and a plentifull Country, tho' but a lean Government,"—refers to a projected College. Copy. Belcher Papers.

Similar letter of same date to Wm. Belcher.]

[Sept. 17. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Clinton of New

York—Thanking him for his civility during a visit to New York—wishes there could be found out some way of reconciling the differences between Gov'r Clinton and his Assembly—had lately received information of two privateers off the Capes of Delaware, which had captured two pilot-boats and two ships—had written to the Lords of the Admiralty in relation to the exposed condition of the coast, and asks the Governor to do the same. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 17. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Chief Justice Delancy, New York—Thanking him for the attentions he had received during his visit to New York. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 17. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Captain Jeffries, of the Scarboro'—Thanking him for his attentions on the voyage—"the sea was made for fishes rather than for man"—his estimate of Capt. Jeffries as a commander—hopes a vessel under his command carrying forty guns, may be placed on the coast for its protection—had written to Sir Peter Warren in his behalf. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 18. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his son Andrew, at Boston—As the French privateers were often off the Capes of Delaware, articles for him to be sent to the care of Hon. James Hude, New Brunswick, consigned to Mr. Vanbrugh Livingston, New York, —"if the coach be cased it will be safe enough upon deck, and so the chaise"—the Speaker and all the New York Assembly had called upon him when there, to congratulate him on his arrival. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 18. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to the Committee of the West Jersey Society, London—Announces his arrival, informing them of the pecuniary circumstances of Col. Lewis Morris, eldest son and executor of Gov'r Morris, who resided in New York—the rioters in the Province had grown very numerous and defiant—the people of the Province in a poor situation for educating their children—the project for a College had been started before his arrival, but where it should be placed a matter of dispute between gentlemen of East and West Jersey—had got them to agree upon Princeton. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 21. Philadelphia. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew, Mr. Oliver, Boston—Was attending the yearly meeting of Friends—Philadelphia "a pretty little city"—"rather more than half the bigness of Boston, stands on a fine river, and has a considerable trade. The town is at present sickly with agues, yellow fever, and other ails, and the doctors told me the sickness rather increases." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Sept. 24. Lincoln's Inn. Report from Mr. Lamb to the Board of Trade, approving the Act of New Jersey, entitled "An Act for applying two thousand pounds interest money now in the Treasury,

arising from the loans of the bills of credit for His Majesty's service." S. P. O., B. T N. J. Vol. 5, F. 94. Orig'l. 2 folios.

[Sept. 27. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his uncle, Mr. Cradock—Describes the location of his house at Burlington—"If I at any time exceeded the bounds of good manners among my friends at your house, I hope they will attribute it to the sallies of my natural temper, for I never had any other design than to make myself agreeable." (He makes a similar apology in letters to others also.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 27. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his sister, Mrs. Partridge—Thanks her for "imploying your interest with friends to assist in procureing what I now injoye." (See 1747, Feb. 13. F. J. Paris.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 28. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge, London—Desires him to forward his two petitions, (for leave of absence and continuance of pay,) that he may go to see his children, and recover his arrears in New England—obliged to live on air, and therefore Partridge must not draw any more bills upon him—had been to Philadelphia, and talked at large with Mr. Kinsey in his favor—Kinsey Chief Justice of the Province and Speaker of Assembly, and of great weight both there and in New Jersey—"Paris dogs him with letters to get you out and to jump into the saddle himself, but he answers none of his letters"—advises Partridge to write regularly to Kinsey, and Mr. Richard Smith, Jr., should also be treated with all respect—will endeavor to get the £40,000 currency bill passed, but "the grace of patience" must be cultivated. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 28. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to the Lords of the Admiralty—Requesting that a ship of war might be stationed on the Atlantic Coast. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 29. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Chamberlayne—God Almighty governs the world much better than mortals could—had he sailed in the "Warwick" he would have stood a chance of losing his head, leg, or an arm, while in the Scarboro' he had come easily. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 30. [R.] Congratulatory address from John Low, Edmund Bainbridge, Nathaniel Wheeler, and others, "the Committees elected to represent His Majesty's poor oppressed (yet loyal subjects,) inhabiting in several counties," to Gov'r Belcher, on his arrival in the Province. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Sept. and Oct. Documents referring to the arrest and prosecution of sundry persons for passing counterfeit money bills of the Province of New Jersey. Copies. Rutherfurd MSS.
Laid before his Council by Gov'r Belcher, Nov. 19th, 1747.]

[Oct. 2. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Walley, England —Desirous of giving their mutual friend, Mr. Allen, a post in his Government, but he must be patient—pities and forgives his enemies—the people "much come off from their former rough wayes and manners, and in many parts of the Province show a great desire to Injoye the Gospel in its purity"—"Princetown" fixed upon as the site of the College—such a nursery of religion and learning much wanted—when in New York had heard Mr. Whitfield preach twice —"the same seraphick creature he ever was." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 2. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Secr. Willard, at Boston—A short sketch of his affairs since he had parted from him three and a half years before—his voyage to Ireland—landing at Kinsale—going by land to Dublin—meeting his son on the way, whom he had not seen for thirteen years—thence in the King's yacht to Chester, and thence by land to London—his interview with the Ministers—received a promise of another appointment—the N. Jersey vacancy the first that occurred—had orders to Capt. Erskine, of the Warwick, to carry him to Cape Breton, whence Admiral Knowles was to send him to New Jersey, but on reaching Portsmouth, Sir Peter Warren advised him to wait and take the Scarborough to New York—describes the country and his domestic arrangements—no great taste or spirit for religion—an Episcopal congregation and two of Quakers in Burlington—meat and all things publicly sold on the Lord's day—as Philadelphia was only 20 miles distant, and he kept his "coach and four," he proposes spending the Lord's day often there with his friend Mr. Tennent [Rev. Wm. Tennent]—was in hopes the riots and disorders in the Province would soon cease, as many of the principals had been with him and were very submissive. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 2. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Mr. Prince, of Boston—Mr. Whitfield had gone to Georgia—when in Philadelphia he (Mr. W.) had received £150 from his Boston friends. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 2. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew, Capt. Osborn—Congratulates him on his marriage to a lady, 'for whom he had had a great honour for about forty years past'—cannot better describe her character and merit than he would find recorded in "the last Chapter of Solomon's Proverbs, the 11th verse to the end." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 3. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Winslow, at Boston—Had been waited on by the Committee of Rioters—thought "the sore in a likely way to be healed"—"as to putting strangers into office, I have not brought one person with me for that purpose" —had not seen a town in his Government having 200 dwellings—had fixed his residence in Burlington, which, though called a city,

was only a village of 170 houses—allusion to his friendly advice to him to marry. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 5. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Byles, his nephew, at Boston—Had come to a country flowing with milk and honey—regrets at the death of his friend Dr. Colman—wishes for his family. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 5. Gov'r Belcher to his son-in-law, Lyde—Exculpates himself from all censure for having neglected his daughter—did not think he was obliged to make himself a slave to his children, because of their imprudences, to the last hour of his life—determined to make himself as quiet and easy as he possibly can. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 5. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Wendell—The Assembly to meet on 17th Oct.,—promises a kind reception to any Ministers of the Dutch churches who might visit him, and his countenance and protection on all occasions. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 6. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mrs. Colman—Letter of condolence on the death of her husband. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 6. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to "Thomas Oxnard, Esq., Provincial Grand Master of North America. The Right Worshipful Master Wardens and Fellows of the Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons in Boston"—in answer to their address congratulating him on his arrival at his Government. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 7. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Lynde, Boston—His lamentations over the indebtedness of Massachusetts—possibly part of it might be met should the amount expended for the Cape Breton Expedition be reimbursed, 'New England 'graven on the palms of his hands, and when he forgot her his tongue would cleave to the roof of his mouth.' Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 7. New York. Gov'r Clinton to Lords of Trade—Relating to the boundary line between New York and New Jersey—*It did not appear to him that the interest of the Crown or of the Province in general was in any way concerned in the matter*, but only the patentees of the lands along the line—and he therefore would not trouble their lordships with the affair, leaving it to those concerned to take such steps as they shall think proper.

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 454.]

[Oct. 8. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Law, of Connecticut—His love for Connecticut—'one half of him sprung from its soil'—proffers of service. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 8. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Williams—The season too far advanced for any expedition to Canada that year—

had had frequent conversations with Sir Peter Warren—the Speaker of House of Commons, &c., relative to character and extent of such an expedition as was required—necessary that it should winter in the Colonies, to inure the troops to the climate—considers the reduction of Canada a most important measure, and the Colonies should cordially unite to effect it—Crown Point might be taken by the Colonies themselves unaided. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 8. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Smith, New York —Had received a lottery scheme, which might be of service to the College—"what went in the newspapers was carefully done." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 8. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Mr. Pemberton, New York—Thanks him for the attention received from him and Mrs. Pemberton when in New York—wishes him to come to Burlington prepared to lay something before the Assembly "for the service of *our* infant College. I say *our* because I am determined to adopt it for a child, and to do every thing in my power to promote and establish so noble an undertaking." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 8. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Jonathan Dickinson—The Assembly to meet at Burlington on the 17th—Suggests that Mr. Pemberton come with him, and that they be prepared to say something before that body for the benefit of the embryo College, "as a lottery or any thing else." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 10. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Andrew Johnston, Amboy—Letter sent by Mr. Allen, bound to Boston, who was minded to pass through Amboy, and is commended to Mr. Johnston's respects and notice—acknowledges the receipt of wine and other things—Capt. Stevens must be patient for his money till the next month—Hopes the Assembly will take better care of the Governor than at the previous session. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 10. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Allen, Boston—Sent by his brother, Mr. Jeremiah Allen, who had been with him ten days, giving him an opportunity to gain a better knowledge of both New Jersey and Pennsylvania—thought him qualified "for the service of the public," and should he remove to the province, as he intended doing, would give him a situation—He (Belcher) looked upon Massachusetts as quite bankrupt—"a common fraud and nuisance"—"the contempt of all the Provinces"—New Jersey in a rising flourishing condition, "what is called money being very like it, and honestly keeping its value"—his brother advised to sell his property in New England and remove to New Jersey. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 12. Burlington. Answer of Gov'r Belcher to the address of "Mr. Justice Budd, and the rest of the Judges and Jus-

ties of Morris County,"—congratulates him on his arrival. Copy. Belcher Papers.

[Oct. 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to James Hude, New Brunswick—Relative to the forwarding of a coach and chaise, and other things which had arrived at New Brunswick. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Hopkins—Thanking him for a parcel of counterfeits of the New Jersey bills of credit. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 17. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander—No steps taken either by the Secretary of State or Lords of Trade, relative to the riots—had obtained the copies of the papers referred to in his previous letters (Aug. 17)—had not been permitted to make copies of the entries on the Journals—had obtained the services of Captain Waddell to compare them with the originals, and thought of Mr. James Hamilton of Penn'a as another, in order to their proper verification in N. Jersey—the Board had not received any advice from the Governor (Belcher) of the death of the President of the Council, (John Hamilton,) so that no steps could be taken to fill the vacancy—Mr. Salter appears to have been mentioned for the post—Mr. Paris cannot tell whether this appointment would be approved or not. Orig'l. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Oct. 18. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Governors Shirley and Knowles—Had received by express that morning from Gov'r Clinton (of New York) an extract from a letter of the Duke of Newcastle, which he would obey—sundry papers relative to the troops raised in N. Jersey would be forwarded immediately—the Province had engaged to provide provisions, bounty money and transportation, and had advanced 10,000 pounds currency for purchasing clothing, arms, &c., which they expected the Crown to reimburse—the advances to the men on account of their pay had been made by their Colonel (Schuyler) out of his own money—the Colonel had been written to at Albany for various papers relating to the troops—the Assembly would meet on the 17th November, but he would try to get them together sooner, and recommend their furnishing money to pay off the troops. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Oct. 20. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secretary Hill to Mr. Lamb, desiring his opinion, in point of law, upon four Acts of New Jersey, i. e., "An Act for making current £10,000 in bills of credit," "An Act to encourage the enlisting of 500 freemen, &c.," passed June 28th, 1746, "An Act to make current £850 in bills of credit, &c.," passed 1st Nov. 1746, and an "Act to make current £1000 in bills of credit, &c.," passed May 8th, 1747. S. P. O. B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 165. Entry. 5 folios.

[Oct. 23. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Chief Justice

Morris, thanking him for the loan of his horses. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 26. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Messrs. Johnston and Nevill—They and the other Commissioner, Mr. Lowe, to go to Burlington without delay, with a view of settling their accounts of disbursements, &c., for the troops raised in New Jersey—the Crown's reimbursement of the amount advanced depending much upon their despatch. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 30. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Governor Clinton —Desires that Col. Schuyler should come to Burlington to perfect his accounts relating to the New Jersey troops—a Mr. Lewis and another person, both from New York, had applied to him for flags of truce, which he had declined granting, presuming that, if proper, Gov'r Clinton would issue them. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 30.—1748, Jan. 26 and Feb. 10. Boston. James Turner to James Alexander—Three letters referring to the engraving of the three plates for the Maps in Elizabethtown Bill in Chancery. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Oct. 31. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Colonel Schuyler, urging him to hasten his arrival in New Jersey, it being of great importance to the Province, to all the officers and men, as well as to himself, (Col. S.,) that his accounts should be settled. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. (R.) Petition to Governor Belcher from inhabitants of Saddle River, in Bergen county, praying for relief against the Proprietors of East Jersey, signed by Magdalen Valleau, and "a number of names all of one hand-writing." Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Nov. 7. (R.) Affidavits of Elisha Gillett, High Sheriff, and Isaac Whitehead, Keeper of the Jail at Morristown, of the circumstances connected with the rescue from custody of James Hampton on 10th August, and from Jail on the 23d Sept., by armed men. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.

One of the documents laid before his Council by Gov'r Belcher on 19th Nov. 1747.]

[Nov. 9. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Governor Clinton—Desires him not to grant marriage licenses or registers for ships to persons residing in New Jersey—He should never, "in the minutest affairs, suffer himself to play the Bishop in another man's diocese." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 9. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Shirley—The Commissioners appointed to furnish the provincial troops with arms, clothing, &c.—had been in session at Burlington—the amount expended was found to be £8748 7s. 4d., New Jersey currency—silver worth 9s. 3d. per ounce, and pistoles 27s. in New Jersey currency—

the paper currency of New England so depreciated, that it took £1100 to buy £100 sterling, whereas £185 New Jersey currency would do the same—in New York currency, £175 was equal to £100 sterling—Col. Schuyler had arrived that morning at Burlington, and he had directed him to proceed to dismiss the troops at once. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 10. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Gov'r Clinton—Letter sent by Col. Schuyler—wishes Gov'r C. to make arrangements to pay the New Jersey troops—having more than an equal claim to his favor, as they had been posted along the frontier of his Government—believes it will be found impracticable to obtain a loan to the Crown from the New Jersey Assembly for the purpose. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 12. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Mr. Lyde, his son-in-law—Declines to accede to a request of Mr. Lyde to be allowed to occupy his place at Milton. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 13. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Mr. Pemberton, New York—The Assembly to meet at Burlington on the 17th, and likely to have a great deal to do—wishes to see Mr. P., relative to the college, &c.—desires him to bring some sermons along with him "for the entertainment of the public on Lord's Days"—refers to the death of Rev. Jonathan Dickinson. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 16. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his son Andrew in Massachusetts—Recommends him to treat all from New Jersey whom he may meet "with all kindness and respect, the Quakers especially"—all in the Province behaved to him as to a common head and father—reference to his son-in-law, Mr. Lyde—inquiries after the condition of his place at Milton, particularly the "two cargoes of trees" sent from London, which cost near twenty guineas—the nursery of walnuts, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 18. (R.) Petition from inhabitants of West Jersey to the Governor, complaining of the injustice shown them by those claiming their lands, and that it was impossible for them to obtain a fair and impartial trial, their Judges being interested, asking relief, &c. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Nov. 19. Burlington. Governor Belcher's Message to the Council and Assembly—Refers to the abandonment of the expedition against Canada, and the consequent disbanding of the troops—the expectation that they would advance the funds for the payment of the men—to repress rioting and disorder, the laws should be strengthened, if necessary—the course pursued by the rioters condemned—measures against the counterfeiters recommended—Mr. Palmer, President of Penn'a, had written to him relative to the better regulating of the Delaware pilots, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Petition to Governor Belcher, signed by Nath'l Wheeler, Jona-

than Pierson, John Condict, Nathaniel Camp, Samuel Harrison, and Samuel Baldwin, &c., relative to their implied connection with riots and disturbances, and asserting their loyalty, &c. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

The original sent by the Governor to the Council, Nov. 19th, 1747, along with various other documents, including such as are designated in this index with [R.]

[Nov. 19. Burlington. Governor Belcher to his brother-in-law Partridge—Requests his assistance in obtaining leave of absence to visit Massachusetts, and in getting through a petition for arrears of pay—had been living "at a continual expense" for more than three months—had not yet received any thing from the Province—"they have hitherto made a Chamelion of me"—the Assembly in session. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Nov. 20. Complaints of Nathaniel Wheeler, Silas Halsey, Amos Roberts, John Gold, Garret Spier, and Hendrick Bush, sworn to before Amos Williams, Justice, relating to the alleged encroachments of the Proprietors of East Jersey, followed by a general statement of grievances, and appeal for relief, addressed to the Governor and Council. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.

Laid before his Council by Gov'r Belcher Nov. 27, 1747.]

Nov. 23. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Madam Pemberton, New York—Letter of condolence on the death of her husband. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 24. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mrs. Dr. Graves, Boston, lamenting the death of her husband. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 26. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Oliver, Boston—Did not think an intended attack upon Crown Point advisable—rumoured that it originated from "a thirst of fame" in the colony—considered the emission of paper money, as pursued in Massachusetts, indicative of madness—"Is there no balm in Gilead? no physician there"—no one to act the Patriot, and save the country?—the Assembly had been sitting two days—hoped the two Houses would "keep sweet between themselves." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 27. New Bristol, Penn'a. Edmund Bainbridge and John Anderson to Gov'r Belcher at Burlington, stating their wish to be allowed to pass and repass to their respective places of abode under his protection, (there being warrants out for their arrest,) and also that David Brierly, committed to Trenton Jail, might be ordered out. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.

Laid before his Council by Gov'r Belcher the same day.]

Dec. 3. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Clinton—The discouraging effect of not paying the Jersey troops, and paying others for less service—fearful that the Assembly will not heed his recommendation to pay the regiment raised in New Jersey—had had fresh

applications for flags of truce, which he had declined, and the parties had applied to Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, and readily obtained them. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 3. Burlington. James Alexander to Joseph Murray, New York—Enquiring into the circumstances which led Lieut. Gov'r Clarke, who succeeded Governor Cosby in New York, to abandon the practice of sitting with the Council in their legislative capacity—whether by order of Council, and if so, wishing information as to its purport. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.

Caused by a declaration by Gov'r Belcher of his intention to sit with the Council of New Jersey, founded upon the practice of the Governors prior to the administration of Governor Morris—he sat, for the first time, on 1st January, 1747–48.]

[Dec. Circulars to be sent to some members of the Councils or other gentlemen, of Antigua, Jamaica, Barbadoes, Virginia, and South Carolina, relative to the Constitution of the Councils of those Colonies, and practice of the Governors as to sitting with them, when acting in a legislative capacity. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.

Sent to Mr. Joseph Murray, New York, for adoption or amendment, and to be forwarded by him.]

[Dec. 8. Burlington. Answer of Governor Belcher to the Address of the Council. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 12. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. (Richard) Smith—Thanking him for the hospitality and respect received from him and his family since his arrival at Burlington—having succeeded in getting his house fitted for his residence, hopes that Mr. Smith would use it as his own—had made the acquaintance of "the great ingenious Penn at London" more than forty years ago—complimentary terms relative to the Quakers—"was the more inclined to come to this Government, in hopes it might fall in my power to serve this people, especially called Quakers." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 12. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Miss Smith—Thanking her for her care and civility while one of her family—refers to the death of her mother, and the satisfaction it must be to her father to have "a daughter so well qualified to be the Mistress and Guide of the affairs of his family." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Dec. 14. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew Mr. Oliver, at Boston—High opinion of Rev. David Brainard—had moved on the 4th December into his house at what was called the "World's End"—a very retired place, "where none but such as have business, or my particular friends come, and this at my time of life seems very agreeable"—had a tolerable good collection of books—his breakfast "two dishes of tea, balm and sage"—his dinner plentiful—no supper—in bed by a quarter past 9, and out of it by sunrise—the sittings of the Assembly getting along quietly—the Quakers a kind,

grateful set of worthy, honest people—inquires after his nephew Foye. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 14. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Gov'r Shirley, Massachusetts, in reference to the New Jersey accounts for supplies to the troops raised in the Province, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 14. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Welles—He expresses himself willing to co-operate, to the extent of his power, to advance the interests of the northern colonies—knew nothing of the purpose of a meeting at Middletown (Con't ?) adverted to by Mr. Welles—if expected to join in it, the Government of New Jersey should have received some official notification or invitation. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 15. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Col. Alford, of Massachusetts—Circumstances leading to his removal from Massachusetts growing out of his having been represented as a friend to "the villainous plot of the Land-bank"—had never regretted his opposition to it—comments upon the course of his successor (Governor Shirley)—its effect upon exchange—Massachusetts currency worthless—had been informed that several families from Boston intended to remove to New Jersey—describes his residence at Burlington. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 15. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Mr. Allen—Notice of the death of Jonathan Dickinson—the Assembly had been sitting 28 days in peace and quiet—the session would probably be a long one—thought he should spend "the superstitious holidays" in Philadelphia. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 15. Burlington. Governor Belcher to his son-in-law Mr. Lyde—Hopes to visit Massachusetts in the spring, and if so, intends to spend a great part of his time at Milton—inquires about a "tumult" in Massachusetts on 17th November. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 16. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Gov'r Shirley of Massachusetts, relating to the support of the troops on the frontier—Does not agree with Gov'r S. in thinking the expense of tents, batteaux, implements, &c., was intended to be included in the "provision for their subsistence," provided for by the Act of the New Jersey Assembly—the Assembly had manifested their zeal for the service, by furnishing eight months' subsistence instead of four—sends several documents referring to the service. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 16. Burlington. Governor Belcher to John Reading—Mr. R. detained from the Council by his own and his wife's ill health—The regrets of the Governor thereat. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 19. Burlington. Governor Belcher to the General Assembly—Recommending that the accounts for the £9000 advanced for the support of His Majesty's troops be immediately transmitted home for reimbursement. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 28. Burlington. Governor Belcher to his nephew Mr. Oliver—Surprise that Gov'r Shirley had not alluded to a contemplated expedition against Crown Point in letters received from him—the impracticability of the project in his estimation—New Jersey, "an independent King's Government," and to be treated with proper respect; those concerned with him "in the administration and the Assembly are tender enough of their honour, nor will they dance to other people's fiddles, where they must assist in rosining the strings without proper and decent notice"—the contrast in the condition of Massachusetts then with what it was when he left it—comments upon Gov'r Shirley's indifference to the welfare of the Province—the sloop Molly George Crane had been cast away on the Sound in the last great snow storm, and what he had on board of her was lost, valued at £250—among other things a fine portrait of his father. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. — Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew Mr. Oliver, Boston, referring to the desire of his son-in-law Lyde to inhabit his place at Milton, and reiterating his refusal. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

—— (?) Instances of encroachments made by the French upon the rights of the Crown of Great Britain in America. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 20. Copy. 10 folios.

—— (?) Account of the annual expense of fortifying all the Provinces and Colonies in America. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 20. Copy. 18 folios.

1747--48.

[Jan. 1. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Chief Justice Kinsey—The General Assembly had been sitting seven weeks, and done very little towards settling the disturbed affairs of the Province—asks for Mr. Kinsey's assistance at the "difficult juncture." Copy. Belcher Papers. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Jan. 8. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Mr. Minot, Massachusetts—New Jersey possessed as good a soil and as fine a climate as he had ever met with—alludes to the low repute of Massachusetts currency—"what an abuse is it of Clean paper to stain it with your vain inscriptions, and what an affront is it to Common sense to call your emitted kites Bills of Credit, of which they are so void as to become the contempt and ridicule of mankind"—had recently heard of the burning of the Massachusetts Capitol—suggests a different location when rebuilt—the Delaware River full of bass, eels, &c.—when inclined to visit New Jersey, he would receive such entertainment

"with good cider, small beer and Madeira, as much superior to what's common with you as honest New Jersey bills of credit are to your kites"—had that day commenced his 67th year. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Jan. 9. Burlington. Governor Belcher to the Commissioner of Custom, London, informing him that in the absence of Mr. Leechmere, Surveyor General, he had sworn in Mr. John Barberrie as Collector of the Customs at Amboy. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Jan. 9. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Popple—Cartel ships, although to be sacredly regarded and kindly treated on the high seas, should yet be subject to examination, to prevent any breach of Acts of Parliament—had not granted any flags of truce, and would not, except in proper cases. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Jan. "A brief state of facts concerning the riots and insurrections in New Jersey, and the remedies attempted by the Governor and the several branches of the Legislature to put and end to them, and restore the peace of the Province." Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.

On Nov. 23d, 1747, Mr. Morris moved in Council that the Attorney General prepare an account of the several disturbances in the Province during the three preceding years, the names of the persons indicted, &c., &c. In consequence of the order issued, a document was presented on 14th December, embodying the information. The document, the title of which is given above, is thought to be the abridged statement suggested in R. H. Morris's letter before-mentioned, and is partly in Mr. Morris's writing, (covering 16 pages of foolscap,) and was reported to the Council on the 9th Jan., 1748, and agreed to by them.]

[Jan. "Instructions of the Council of New Jersey to the Committee of that House appointed to meet a Committee of the House of Representatives, in a free conference of ways and means for suppressing the riots and present disorders in this colony. Original draft of Mr. Alexander. Rutherfurd MSS.

Submitted to Council Jan. 11th, and approved—the meeting was held on 15th.]

Jan. 16. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State, the Duke of Newcastle, in favor of Col. Schuyler and other officers of the New Jersey regiment, who were in good business, and left the same to join the expedition to Canada, in hopes of being continued in His Majesty's service. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 83. Original. 2 folios.

Similar letter, and under the same date, was written from the Council to the Secretary of State. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 84. [See Feb. 12th, 1748.]

[Jan. 16. Burlington. Governor Belcher to the Duke of Newcastle, recommending to his favorable notice, and for appointments in the regular army, some of the officers that were under the com-

mand of Col. Schuyler on the frontiers, who had gone to England (names not given.) Copy. Belcher Papers N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Presumed to be the same as the foregoing.]

[Jan. 16. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Gov'r Clinton—Colonel Schuyler there—his gallant conduct alluded to—his favorable representations relative to his officers. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Jan. 19. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Council and General Assembly—Had received a letter from Gov'r Shirley, communicating the result of a consultation of Commissioners from Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York, relative to a proposed expedition against Crown Point—recommends a co-operation with those Colonies—an earnest appeal to them to do something to curb the disturbances in the Province—and recommendation of despatch of business, that the session may be brought to a close. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Jan. 25. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Pemberton—Although the Assembly had set ten weeks, the public business was not yet concluded—does not think it advisable to introduce any measure during the session for the service of the College—if a new charter was thought advisable, wishes Mr Pemberton and others to digest the plan, and submit it to him. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Jan. 26. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew Mr. Byles—Describes the pleasantness of his situation and the abundance around him—"Oh! that Jeshurun may be always in my thoughts as a standing monument of terror." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Jan. 28. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Belcher—His letter of the 27th August last received—a list of the members of the Council to be sent every six months—the Board hopes that by prudent conduct he will put an end to the riots in New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 167. Entry. 3 folios.

[Jan. 28. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Hubbard—High encomiums upon his niece Mrs. Fitch—before his appointment to New Jersey, had received assurance that he should receive a more profitable Government, but he would have been required to have gone to "a torrid, horrid Zone"—when in London had purchased a watch, and had enamelled on its face *Pereunt et Imputantur.* Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 1. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Allen—Reference to some proposition made by Rev. Mr. Burr of Newark (respecting the College?)—had seen the papers giving an account of the rising of the mob in Boston—sends his compliments to Dr. Douglas, (author of Douglas's "Summary Historical and Political, &c.,") "whose performances do him honour"—the Assembly had been in session eleven weeks without doing any thing for the Governor; "so I am acting the Camelion at a season when the air is sharp and hungry." Copy. Belcher Papers. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Feb. 1. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Abiel Walley—Thankful for the friendliness, respect, and honour shown him in the Province—promises to regard the civil and religious liberties of the people—the Infant College especially shall be his constant care—feels the "appendages of 67" creeping upon him in stiffened joints, muscles, and sinews. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 1. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Sir William Pepperell—Complimenting him on the honours and advantages he had received from the Crown for his services in the reduction of Cape Breton. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. An Act for the pardon of those engaged in the riots committed at Newark (endorsed by James Alexander—"this was drawn at Trenton in 1746, which I lent Feb. 1747–48 to Mr. Attorney for the plan of the pardon of the rioters, which plan he followed, enlarging.") Original MS. draft. Rutherfurd MSS.

An Act for the pardon of rioters, &c., was passed 17th February, 1747–48.]

[Feb. 5. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Mr. Jonathan Edwards—His obligations for the account he had received of "that eminent servant of Christ, the late Mr. D. Brainard," whose journal he had lately met with—declines having his life dedicated to him—thinks it more proper that the Society in Scotland, whose Missionary he was, should have that honor, but wishes to be a subscriber—sincerely lamented his death—his thankfulness for the mercies he had received himself—the last time he had heard Mr. Edwards preach was in Dr. Sewall's meeting-house, Boston—text referred to. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 5. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Dwight—Entertains a high regard for him for his own sake, as well as for that of his father and grandfather, "the late honorable and worthy Col. Partridge"—his removal from the Government of the New England Provinces brought to pass by lying, "principally by the Brigadier and Agent"—having been represented as a friend and patron to the iniquitous Land Bank, which was false—his innocence had emboldened him to appeal to the Government, and had so got to New Jersey. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 5. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to the Duke of Newcastle—The sum advanced by New Jersey for the support of the 500 men raised for the Canadian expedition amounted to £8748 7s. 4d.—the accounts had been adjusted and submitted to the Commissioners, Commodore Knowles and Gov'r Shirley, and the Assembly had sent duplicates to their agent Mr. Partridge, and His Grace desired to present the matter favorably to the Government, that the amount might be repaid. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Feb. 5. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board

of Trade—Sends the account of money advanced for clothing, ammunition, &c., by the Assembly of New Jersey, for the expedition against Canada—prays that the Province may be repaid. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 2. Original. 5 folios.

[Presumed to be the same as the foregoing.]

[Feb. 5. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Partridge, agent of the Province in England, relative to, and explanatory of, the accounts of the Province for advances on account of the Canadian troops. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 10. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his sister Mrs. Carswall—There were "only two Assemblies in Burlington on Lord's Day for public worship, the Church of England and the Quakers' meeting," to both of which he occasionally went, and at other times officiated as priest in his own house—character of his son in Boston—her nephew, his son Jonathan, in Ireland, was one of the Secretaries to the Lord Chancellor, and was esteemed a good lawyer, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Feb. 12. New Jersey. Letter from the Council of New Jersey (signed by six of the members) to the Secretary of State, the Duke of Newcastle, in favor of Col. Schuyler and the other officers of that Province, who were in good business, and left the same to join the expedition to Canada, in hopes of being continued in His Majesty's service. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 82. Original. 2 folios.

[Feb. 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Surprised that Morland (the artist) had not yet delivered his portrait—when received by Partridge, to be sent to the Governor's son at Dublin—the Assembly had been sitting 13 weeks without passing the money bills, so that he had not yet received any thing for his support since his arrival in the Province. Copy. Belcher Papers. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Feb. 16. Lincoln's Inn. Report from Mr. Lamb to the Board of Trade, offering no objection, in point of law, to the Acts of New Jersey, passed in June and Nov., 1746, and in May, 1747, and transmitted to him from the Board on the 20th Oct. last. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 1. Original. 4 folios.

[Feb. 17. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to the General Assembly—Had received that day from the Council the bill providing for the support of the Government—objects to having provision made for the Governor only for one year—refers them to the King's instructions on the subject. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 18. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to the Council and Assembly—Proroguing them, with thanks, for their attention to the interests of the Province. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 18. An Act for avoiding actions for slander and for stay of proceedings for six months in other civil actions against the late rioters. Original draft by James Alexander. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Feb. 18. An Act for preventing tumults and riotous assemblies. Original draft prepared by Mr. Alexander. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Feb. 19. Account of the proceedings of New Jersey Legislature, prepared by James Alexander for publication in the New York Post Boy, purporting to be a letter written from Burlington—The session had closed the day before—enumerates three laws which had been passed calculated to restore the peace of the Province, and preventing further riots and disturbance, and sends a copy of the Governor's Speech on the termination of the session. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Feb. 22. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his son-in-law Mr. Lyde—Advice relative to clearing land, farming, &c.—not disappointed in what the Assembly had done for him, as he had reason to believe that New Jersey was the least profitable of almost any of the Governments in the King's gift. Copy. Belcher Papers. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Feb. 23. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Mr. Sergeant —New Jersey, "a land flowing with milk and honey," but neither the lower or better classes have a relish for the ways of virtue and true religion; "they pay little regard to the Sabbath—the men journey—the women divert—the children play in the streets without reproof—these are the most uncouth and unpleasant things of my present condition"—his duty under the circumstances to set a good example—Mr. S. recommended to keep up a "dutiful, frequent correspondence, with Dr. Ayscough of London, so also to Cap't Corum —his estimation of the late Dr. Colman—the depreciated state of New England currency—his correspondent in New York, Wm. Peartree Smith, "a very worthy, religious young gentleman." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 24. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Had approved of nineteen Acts passed by the Assembly—the one for £4000 paper currency their friends were very partial to, but the Chief Justice (Morris) said he would endeavour to prevent its passing at home, because the Assembly would not pay his late father's arrears—the Assembly "tolerably honest, but very stingy"—had not done so well by him, who had done all they desired, as they had by his predecessor who had "harast and plagu'd them sufficiently"—hoped they would do better in time. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 24. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Captain Corum, covering a letter from Cap't C.'s adopted son, Mr. Sergeant of Housatonic—As Mr. S. has to receive his salary in the depreciated currency of New England, he does not get more than £20 sterling per

annum for the support of himself and family—Cap't C. desired to send any thing to his assistance—if "sent in powder, and shot and nails, it would do well." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[March 3. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Shirley—His son Andrew directed to wait on Gov'r Shirley with what had passed with the New Jersey Assembly, relative to the Crown Point expedition—refers to his letter of 16th Feb., and to the New Jersey accounts. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[March 9. New York. James Alexander to David Ogden, Newark—Sends copies of the Post Boy containing an account of the proceedings of the New Jersey Legislature (see Feb. 19th)—thinks the measures adopted sufficient to put an end to the riots—the harmony begun between the branches of the Legislature should be cultivated—the differences existing previously "the fountain of the past disturbances." Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[March 14. Burlington. Governor Belcher to his nephew Mr. Oliver—Recommendation to his nephew Faye to sell his effects in New England, "stills excepted," and remove to Burlington—better satisfied to have the affections of the people than a larger salary. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[March 21. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Aaron Burr—intends having the charter of the College perfected before the commencement, which he learns is fixed for the 3d Wednesday in May—recommends the observance of economy, and the avoidance of debauchery on the occasion—will endeavor to be at Newark at the time. Copy. Belcher Papers.

Mr. Burr was the first President of the College of New Jersey. For a notice of him, see Stearns' First Church, Newark.]

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[An Act to remit the pecuniary penalties incurred by the past breaches of the laws therein mentioned, and for the better notice and putting in execution of the said laws hereafter. Original draft by Ja's Alexander. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Defence of Governor Clinton of New York against the reflections of the Assembly, by Lewis Morris (son of Governor Lewis Morris.) MS. Copy. N. J. H. S. MSS.]

[April 2. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Governor Clinton—Congratulates Governor C. upon the gout's being called "the gentleman's distemper, and the sink or discharge of all others"—the late session of the Assembly had tried his patience, but he was pleased to have it conclude in peace—congratulates Gov'r C. on having his course approved by his royal master—his letters from England make him anticipate no peace, but a warm campaign by sea and land, and he expects "the pickeroons will be diverting themselves during the summer seasons with depredations from the Hook to the Capes of Dela-

ware"—the Assembly, notwithstanding his exertions "within doors and without," had declined engaging in the Crown Point expedition —Mr. Alexander to wait on Gov'r C. with his message and the Assembly's answer in relation thereto. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 2. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to James Alexander—Desiring him to call upon Gov'r Clinton with the printed journals, relating to the actions of the New Jersey Assembly on the Crown Point expedition. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 2. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Mr. Pemberton—The affairs of the College he had much at heart—thinks the President had better be always "the King's Governor for the time being," and had so advised Mr. Burr—will confer with the Trustees upon the point—wishes the commencement put off for two months, so that he can conveniently be present. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 5. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Mr. Osborne—Without entering into the merits of his affairs, conceives that Mr. O. has been concerned in an illicit trade with the enemies of the King, in supplying them with provisions, &c.—however, in answer to his father's letter, would enclose a letter for Chief Justice Kinsey to have his affairs brought to a trial without delay, as he requested. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 6. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Chief Justice Kinsey —Writes in behalf of Cap't John Osborne of Boston, "a gentleman of substance and figure," whose son Jeremiah Osborne had been confined for twelve months, and could not get his trial brought on—hopes that their request to have the matter adjudicated may be granted, as "it is a received maxim in law that a delay of justice is a denial of justice." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Low—Acknowledging the receipt of seven barrels of cider, out of which so much had been taken by the wagoners and others between Newark and Burlington, that it took all but seven gallons of one to fill up the other six—(he had, under date of 29th March, desired Col. Low to send him some "rich and potent, without any spirits put into it.") Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 18. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Pemberton, acknowledging the receipt of intelligence that the commencement of the College was fixed for the 1st July. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 20. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Chubb—Would write to London for a coachman—had had several from there for £10 sterling a-year and a livery—the one sent to him by Mr. Chubb wanted £50 a-year, such wages as he had never heard of. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 22. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge,

London—Pleased that his picture should at last have been obtained by Partridge—account of various remittances made amounting to £1050 sterling—recommends an active correspondence with Mr. Kinsey, "the next man, in honour and power, to the Governor in Pennsylvania," and with Col. Andrew Johnston and Mr. Secretary Read in New Jersey—forwards the Acts passed, and recommends his attention in getting them approved, whereby his interest and credit as the agent of the Provinces would be established. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

April 22. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Sends a list of the Council of New Jersey—recommends Mr. Charles Read, D. Secr., to be of the Council, in the room of Mr. John Hamilton, dec'd—the Assembly met last winter, and after a good deal of controversy with the Council, they have passed 19 Acts, to which he assented—observations upon the said Acts—the riots have subsided. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 3. Duplicate. 9 folios.

[April 22. Burlington. Governor Belcher to the Duke of Newcastle—Transmitting the Acts passed by the Assembly, and recommending them, for certain specified reasons, to the favorable consideration of the King—Charles Read recommended as a Councillor in place of John Hamilton, who had died before his arrival in the Province. Presumed to be the same as foregoing. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 24. New York. James Alexander and Robert H. Morris to Ferd. John Paris, London—Difficulty experienced by Gov'r Belcher in getting his support, as he will not approve the quota bill passed by the Assembly—he had not advised or joined with the Council in representing to His Majesty the deplorable state of the Province, as it was reported he had been notified by a leader of the Assembly that if he did so, he need not expect to receive any more salary in New Jersey—"a severe trial of a man's virtue and some extenuation should he err, for starving is hard for any man, and much more so to a man who has been used to live as well as he has done"—narrates the circumstances connected with the calling of the Council together at sundry times—the Governor claimed the privilege of confirming the action of Council to nominations made by him only—had appointed a Sheriff for Morris county without the advice of the Council, contrary to his instructions—apprehensions that he will enter into the views of the Assembly, and represent that the difficulties in the Province are matters only of private dispute—Mr. Paris to guard against such representations, and if made, to point out the inconsistency between them and his public speeches—the appointment of Mr. Nevill to a Judgeship would serve as a handle to the rioters to support their clamor—the Governor had been informed before he did it of its probable effect, &c. Original draft in the handwriting of both writers. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[April 26. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge —Anxious to obtain leave of absence to enable him to visit his family in New England, whom he had not seen for four years—wishes Partridge to write to the Assembly, representing his (the Govern'r's) faithfulness in presenting to and urging upon the King's Ministers the approval of the laws they had passed, and that they ought to support him more generously—Partridge much indebted to Mr. Read and Col. Johnston for the payment of the amount due to him as agent. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 2. New York. James Alexander to Dr. Wm. Douglas, Boston—Acknowledging the receipt of a portion of his work on the Colonies (afterward (1750) published in London under the title of "A Summary, Historical and Political, of the first Planting, &c., of the British Settlements in North America, 2 vols. 8vo.")—Sends him the title-page and maps for the copy of the Bill in Chancery he had previously forwarded, and also the publications of the Proprietors, which he might find useful—recommends Dr. Colden's History of the Five Nations. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[May 2. New York. James Alexander to John Coxe, Trenton. Did not think that it was prudent to dissolve the New Jersey Assembly, unless well assured that the peace of the Province was restored, which could not be said until the rioters accepted the act of grace. Another course might result in a worse state of things—there was a majority of good and reasonable men in the present Assembly—they might be left out on a new election—had heard that John Low intended to wait on the Governor to recommend officers, civil and military, for the County of Essex—if so, dangerous consequences might ensue—Messrs. Ogden and Schuyler would suggest what changes were necessary. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[May 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Chief Justice Kinsey, at Philadelphia—Thanking him for civilities received at Philadelphia—sends to him a copy of the charter of the College, as agreed upon by him and most of the intended trustees—wishes him to consent to be one. Copy. Belcher Papers.

See Proud's Penn'a, II. p. 192.]]

[May 12. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Allen, Boston—Sending him a copy of the College Charter, and requesting him to act as one of the Trustees, and to ascertain if Mr. Cross, personally unknown to him, will serve. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Mr. Tennent, Phil'a—Enclosed to him his letters to Chief Justice Kinsey and Mr. Allen, and he was to deliver to them therewith a copy of the College Charter, which Mr. John Smith would hand to him after Mr. Logan had perused it—thanks him for a present of his books. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Logan, of Phil'a —Thanking him for his civility at "Stinton," regretting that "the weather in some measure prevented the freedom of conversation, which I am told you are more master of in a clear serene air"—sends to him a copy of the Charter of the College, and wishes him to become one of the Trustees. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 16. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mrs. Clinton—A complimentary letter, and promising some birds "when caught." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 16. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Judge Horsemanden, New York—Congratulating him on his marriage. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 18. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Capt. Stephens, (Stevens,) Amboy—Had received a pipe of wine from him, and wishes him to secure a hogshead of "choice good French white wine" for him. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 18. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his son Andrew—Upbraiding him for his neglect in not answering his letters promptly, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 23. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Shirley—Lieut. Colman had arrived in the Province to recruit for Lieut. Gen'l. Philips' regiment, and would receive his countenance and protection. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 24. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Chief Justice Kinsey —Asking for an answer to his letter relating to the College, (May 12th,) and introducing Messrs. Stephens and Brandon, of New England, travelling through the Provinces. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 27. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Alford, Boston —His thankfulness at not having been induced to engage in any private speculations or selfish aims, while presiding over the New England Provinces—pleased to learn that Massachusetts was likely to be reimbursed for the expense attending the Cape Breton expedition—thanks him for two sermons sent to him—thinks "Bi-sh-ps a nuisance in the House of Lords"—the ministers in New England badly treated. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 27. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Colonel Stoddard—Thanks for a wish expressed to have him (Gov'r B.) restored to his former Government—believed that "great folks," rather than have to send him there again, would have given him something of twice the value—contented among a people that loved him—the long session of the Assembly during the previous winter alluded to—"man, woman and child come to the Governor as to a common father, and I love them all as children"—"when once prerogative is ravished or lost, anarchy and confusion will ensue." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 31. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Jonathan Edwards—Pleased to know that Mr. E. was getting forward with Brainard's Life—had adopted the embryo College for a daughter, "which I hope may in time become an Alma Mater" to the Provinces—Rev. Isaac Hollis, a dissenting minister residing in England, referred to as having recently had a considerable addition to his estate, the same gentleman that supported a number of Indian children, under the care of Mr. Sergeant, at Housatonic—a person of great piety, &c.,—plans for the College—fears of the progress of Arminianism, Arianism and Socinianism in the New England Colleges—had been agreeably entertained by Mr. E.'s "Ingenious thoughts on the seven vials"—the missionaries Spencer and Strong in Boston, going among the Six Nations—condoles with Mr. E. on the loss of a daughter—regards sent to Mrs. Edwards, the daughter of his old friend, Rev. Mr. Pierpoint, of New Haven, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 31. Trenton. John Coxe to James Alexander, N. York—In answer to his of 2d May—his advice relative to the dissolution of the Assembly—the Council had advised the Governor not to dissolve it—no such recommendation as that alluded to by Mr. Alexander had been made by Mr. Low—the Governor had adopted a list recommended or approved by the Council, with the exception of Mr. Dunster, to whom he objected on account of his moral character—thought the objections likely to originate with the rioters, but the Governor denied having been spoken to by them on the subject—Mr. Dunster to have an opportunity to respond to the complaints against him. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[June 3. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Browne, Boston—Draws attention to his last speech to the General Assembly of Massachusetts, and to the first one of his successor, and invites a comparison as to which of them evinced the "tenderest part of a father to the country"—the condition of Massachusetts under her paper money system. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 4. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Minot, Boston—Mr. M. being about to visit Philadelphia, is invited to his "cottage at the world's end"—regrets the silence of his son, who had not yet visited him nor written for some time. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 4. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Alexander—Thanks him on behalf of the Province for a representation made by him to Gov'r Clinton, in relation to an expedition to Crown Point, "which was very just, for I don't believe this Assembly could be persuaded to join in it." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[June 6. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Appleton, Boston—Opinion of the clergy of New England—thanks him for two sermons preached on a day of fasting and prayer, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 7. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Prince, Boston—In answer to some inquiries relative to his father and himself—gives some account of his father's character and death. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

June 8. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America, enclosing two Acts of Parliament, viz., an Act for encouraging the making of indigo in the British Plantations in America, and an Act for naturalizing foreign Protestants, &c., and desiring of them to transmit every six months an account of the indigo plantations, if any, export, &c. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 303. Entry. 5 folios.

June 8. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America, enclosing general queries relating to the state of their respective Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 307. Entry. 10 folios.

[June 16. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander—Well pleased to hear of the measures adopted for suppressing the riots in New Jersey, &c. Promises his best endeavors in behalf of the Proprietors of the Eastern Division, when the Act for running the division line between New York and New Jersey shall be received—is glad that the Governor's behavior so far has given satisfaction, and hopes he will continue to please, "but yet I have my apprehensions that he will be what he has been"—"he is grateful, and he is wise, too, in having regard to the Quakers. It was that body of people most undoubtedly who got him the Government"—had in justice to him made it known to some of the leading men among the Quakers "how well he had behaved." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[June 20. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Mr. Pemberton, Boston—Relating to the provisions of the College charter. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 20. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge, London—Had received a letter from the Duke of Bedford, as one of the Secretaries of State, succeeding the Duke of Newcastle—Mr. P.'s attention drawn to getting the money advanced by the Province on account of troops, &c., refunded, and if successful he might retain £500. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

June 20. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State—The proclamation for enforcing the prohibition of commerce with the French will be inserted in the newspapers circulating in New Jersey—the greatest part of the present war the people supplied the French with provisions, &c., under the flag of truce for exchange of prisoners—he hopes that such illicit trade will be put an end to. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 85. Original. 3 folios.

[June 21. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. George Whitefield, England—Acknowledging the receipt of two letters from Charleston and Bermuda respectively—Mrs. Whitefield left in Georgia—thankfulness for God's mercies, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 23. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his son-in-law, Mr. Lyde, Boston—Comments upon the neglect of his son—his Milton estate—thinks it advisable to sell it, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 23. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew, Mr. Oliver, Boston—Had received a letter from Gov'r Shirley, requesting that Commissioners might be appointed from New Jersey to meet him and Gov'r Clinton at Albany on the 10th of July, to treat with the Six Nations of Indians—as it would require more than the intervening time to summon his Council, call the Assembly together, &c., no Commissioners from New Jersey need be expected, and there were not ten pounds in the Treasury. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 23. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Shirley, Boston—Impossible from the shortness of the intervening time to have the advice of the Council and Assembly, as to the appointing of Commissioners to meet Gov'rs Shirley and Clinton at Albany on 11th July, to treat with the Indians. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 23. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Clinton, New York—On an alarm that privateers were on the coast and intended to land, Col. Gibbon, in command of a regiment in Salem County, soon had 500 men in arms, including many Quakers, but the privateers were too cautious and did not land. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

June 24. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State—The General Assembly had a session last winter of thirteen weeks, all things having been in a manner stagnated many years before his arrival—transmits public papers—Richard Partridge, Agent for New Jersey, will submit the Acts for the King's approbation, relative to the table of fees—things seem to have a tendency to quiet and good order—death of John Hamilton, Councillor—proposes Charles Read to succeed him. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 86. Original. 13 folios.

June 25. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Sends duplicates of his former letter and the enclosed papers—urges strongly upon the Board to recommend to the King the Act for emitting £40,000 in bills of credit, for his confirmation, as without it the defence of the Province cannot be provided, nor the Government supported. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 4. Original. 3 folios.

[June 25. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to the Lords of Trade —Urges the approval of the Acts for emitting £40,000, and for establishing a table of fees—without them the Province will be in

great disorder—no money in the Treasury. (Presumed to be the same as the foregoing.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 27. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Sir Peter Warren, London—Thanks him for a loan previously made of £800 sterling, on a mortgage of his estate at Milton, N. England—New Jersey "a very lean, thin Government"—the allowance to the Governor for support, house rent and perquisites, £1,210, which, according to the rate of exchange, was only equal to £654 sterling—had authorized the sale of part of the Milton estate, in order to pay off his indebtedness to Sir Peter. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 27. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Truman, London—Authorizing the expenditure of £47 1s. 2d. in lottery tickets. (See July 19.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 27. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Committee of West Jersey Society, London—Affairs in the Province becoming settled—but he fears a renewal of the tumultuous proceedings, which would have a very prejudicial effect upon the value of their lands—tendency of Colleges and schools to increase population and the value of land—much discouraged about a College—scarcely 60,000 souls in New Jersey, and most of them live by their labor, so that it would be a difficult matter to get the building erected, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.

The West Jersey Society was an association of those largely interested in W. Jersey lands.]

[June 28. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Penn, England—Refers to the appointment of Andrew Hamilton as Governor of Penn'a—pleased that Mr. Penn had secured the stationing of a sloop-of-war in the Delaware, to guard the coast against the enemy's privateers—a great number in Delaware River the month previous—the trade of the Delaware required greater protection from the Crown. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 29. Gov'r Belcher to his cousin, Mr. Wm. Belcher, England—Hopes that he will become one of the benefactors of the new College, as it must depend upon subscriptions, the people of New Jersey being "mostly of low fortune"—"the greatest part of them in a Wretched State of Ignorance, Unpolite and of bad Manners"—not able or willing to contribute to its support through the Government—recommends his son in Ireland for the transaction of any legal business, he being "master of his business, and having much the ear of the Lord Chancellor"—compliments him on his election to Parliament—sends his best compliments to "Her Imperial Royal Majesty the Empress Queen of Cesarea," (the lady he afterward married. See Sept. 7)—"let her Majesty know I begin to be impatient, that I am something oldish." Belcher Papers.]

[June 29. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his cousin, Mr. John

Belcher, England—Pleased that the projected College meets with his approbation—intended in time to try to have a Professorship of Physic and Chirurgery—refers to an election of Mr. Wm. Belcher to Parliament for the Borough of Southwark. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 30. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Chamberlayne, England—Begs him and "Capt. Coram" to leave off "the vile, insipid, wicked custom of swearing"—had lost £15 6s. 9d. by the previous year's lottery—refers to Mr. Penn, Proprietor of Penn'a, and that Province would soon be worth to him and his brother £10,000 sterling per annum. Belcher Papers.]

[July 4. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Chief Justice Kinsey —Thanks him for supervising the College Charter, which was then in the hands of a scrivener to be engrossed. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 4. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Wm. Tennent—Expects the Charter of the College to be ready for presentation to the Trustees at an approaching meeting—alludes to objections raised to having the Governor for the time being President of the Board of Trustees—as the old Charter never was recorded, upon the appearance and record of the present one, the old one would become a nullity. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 7. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Oliver, Boston—Mr. O. one of the Commissioners to attend Gov'r Clinton at Albany, upon a conference with the Six Nations—considers the Massachusetts people "bamboozled"—by advice of the Council had called the Assembly with reference to the appointment of Commissioners from New Jersey. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 7. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher's Message to the Assembly—Recommending the appointment of Commissioners to attend the conference with the Indians at Albany. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 9. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his son in Ireland—Regrets his inability to contribute any thing to relieve him from his debts, as he had been concerned in the last three lotteries, by which he had suffered a loss of £70 14s. 9d. sterling. (See July 19.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 11. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Wm. Tennent —The College Charter engrossed and with the Attorney General for his opinion—the Trustees would not meet until called together by him. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 19. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Jackson, England—Directions to get brewed for him two hhds. of "Burton Ale, and two hhds. of Wiltshire Beer," some time in the month of Oct. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 19. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Truman, London—Orders for an additional number of lottery tickets. (See June 27.) Belcher Papers.]

[July 19–21. Minutes of Court of General Sessions of the Peace and Court of Common Pleas for the County of Middlesex, held at Perth Amboy for the July term, 1748. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[July 21. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Foye, Boston—Animadversions upon his son's neglect of him in not answering his letters, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 24. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew, Dr. Noyes—Had received a letter from him forwarded by Mr. Franklin, who had called at his house both going to and returning from Philadelphia, but had said nothing of having a letter for him—"when persons are so kind as to take charge of letters they should be more careful"—death of Dr. N.'s sister, his niece, Mrs. Byles—Mr. Byles' eldest son "of prompt parts"—verses by him alluded to—advises him to sell his wild lands in Kennebec. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 25. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Committee of West Jersey Society—Recommending Charles Read, Philip Kearny and John Foye as proper persons to be selected to attend to the business of the Society in West Jersey—advises the appointment of agents residing in the Province. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 28. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Pemberton—The College Charter had passed the Seals, and was ready—Mr. P. and Mr. Burr had better come to Burlington and receive it from him—it was needless for Mr. P. to give himself any trouble about the College, "for," he says, "in all Acts of Government I must and will proceed with the best propriety I am master of, and nobody will be able to persuade me to move slower or faster than that." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 28. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew, Mr. Foye—Advising him to visit New Jersey as soon as possible, promising to give him a situation under the Government should one offer. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 28. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Waldron, of Portsmouth—Letter upon private affairs—comments upon Mr. Waldron's two sons Thomas and George. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 30. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Wm. Tennent—Would send for him to visit Messrs. Pemberton and Burr relative to the College, when notified of their coming—wishes to see an old subscription paper on which there were about £800. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Aug. 1. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Hill to Mr. Scrope,

Secr. to the Lords of the Treasury—enclosing a copy of Governor Belcher's letter to the Board of Trade, of Feb. 5, 1747–48, and desiring that the same may be laid before their Lordships for their consideration. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 168. Entry. 2 folios.

[Aug. 1. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Isaac Hollis, England—Referring to Rev. Mr. Sergeant, missionary at Housatonic, who was much discouraged, having a wife and children, and only 20 pounds sterling a year—commends Mr. Hollis for his attention to the education of the Indians. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 10. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Mr. Sergeant—Had heard from Mr. Burr that he and his family were at Newark—invites him to visit him at Burlington. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 11. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew, Mr. Foye—Referring to his son's indifference to his letters. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Aug. 18. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade, to Gov'r Belcher—His letter of the 5th of Feb., 1747–48, is transmitted to the Lords of the Treasury—the Board had received no public papers during the time of Mr. Belcher's Government. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 169. Entry. 2 folios.

[Sept. 1. London. Thomas Penn to James Alexander—Promises his assistance in endeavoring to obtain the confirmation of the bill for running the boundary between New York and New Jersey, should one pass the legislature—much gratified with Mr. Belcher's conduct in his Government. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Sept. 7. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his son Andrew—Informs him as his "eldest son and first relation," that he intends "(God willing) to be marryed to Morrow to a Lady arrived last week at Philadelphia from London"—it was a very sickly season, and he would not advise his coming on until he should write again. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 15. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his son Andrew Belcher—Had been married on the 8th—was recovering from an attack of fever, to which all his family had been subjected—his wife and the young lady her daughter, and himself had taken an "airing in the coach" that day. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 22. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his son Andrew—Granting full forgiveness for past neglect and indifference—still very sickly in Burlington—to go in about ten days to Amboy to meet the Assembly. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 23. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Brainard—Had received the proposals for publishing the life of his brother, the Rev. David Brainard—did not think either the paper or type good enough,

but wished to be considered a subscriber—ready to encourage the printing of his brother's journals also. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 30. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander, New York—Neither at the Secretary's office nor at the Board of Trade had any Acts of Assembly, or a single letter from Governor Belcher, been received since he had left England, excepting a notification of his arrival—the Lords of Trade considered it neglectful, and had written him to that effect—news had been received the day before that the brigantine Richard, from Philadelphia, by which the Acts were to be sent, had been captured about 16th May, off the Capes of Delaware—notice a suggestion of Mr. Alexander's, that it would be advisable to associate Mr. Partridge with him in measures for procuring the recommendation of the Line Act—on good terms with Mr. P., ("who is a merchant and not a lawyer,") frequently employed by him—probability of a long time elapsing while the line is undergoing discussion, &c. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Oct. 4. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to the Trustees of the College of New Jersey—Regretting that he will not be able to attend the first commencement at Newark, as ill health confined him to the house, and also prevented his going to Amboy. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 6. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his son Andrew—Confined for the third time with a fever—reasons for not making known to his friends his intended marriage—his happiness, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 7. Trenton. John Coxe to James Alexander, New York—The Governor much shattered by illness—some question whether he would live through the winter—a meeting of the Council to be held at Burlington, and the presence of Mr. Alexander desired. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Oct. 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Allen—Referring to the employment of Mr. Allen as agent for the Elizabethtown people. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew, Mr. Foye—Burlington, since its settlement, had never before been so sickly—thanks him for having been instrumental in reinstating affectionate relations between him and his son—had known the lady whom he had recently married four years. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 16. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew, Mr. Foye—Alludes in very severe terms to the action of Gov'r Shirley, in cutting down the New Jersey bills for supplies to the Canada forces from £5,200 to £2,200—"were he to show his head here the very children would rise up and call him cursed, and he would find it difficult to escape with the skin of his teeth." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 17. New York. James Alexander to John Coxe, Trenton —The duty of the Legislature to strengthen the hands of the Government in relation to those rioters who had slighted the Act of Grace—the course to be pursued towards those who have neglected to avail themselves of that Act. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Oct. 17. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Richard Partridge —Robert Hunter Morris, then in England, "a crafty, malicious fellow, and bent upon all sorts of mischief, so you must watch him very narrowly"—he and (James) Alexander the cause why the Provincial Treasury was not supplied, out of "peak" to them both—had lately met the Assembly in a short session—Houses could not agree upon the manner of laying a tax, and so nothing was done to support the Government—had been troubled by hearing that Mr. P. had been writing to the leading rioters—"there is no touching pitch without being defiled," and he therefore advises Mr. P. to have nothing to do with them—exertions to be made to prevent his being removed from the Government. Copy. Belcher Papers. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Oct. 18. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, in answer to their's of the 8th of June—If any Indigo should be raised in New Jersey, he will take care that the Act of Parliament relating to it be punctually complied with. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 7. Original. 2 folios.

Oct. 18. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State—The proclamation for cessation of hostilities was published at Burlington and Perth Amboy—the preliminaries signed at Aix la Chapelle on the 19th of April last, o. s., shall be duly observed. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 126. Original. 2 folios.

Oct. 29. Whitehall. Order of Council referring to the Board of Trade for their consideration the petition of Rich'd Partridge, agent for the Province of New Jersey, praying that the Acts passed there lately, viz.—An Act for making current £40,000 in bills of credit, and an Act to prevent officers from taking exorbitant fees, may be confirmed. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 5. Order, orig'l.; Petit'n, copy: 7 folios.

Nov. 9. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Hill to Mr. Lambe, desiring his opinion, in point of law, upon 19 Acts passed by the Assembly of New Jersey in January and February, 1747–48. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 171. Entry. 12 folios.

Nov. 12. Perth Amboy. Letter from Governor Belcher to Secretary of State—Has received his Grace's letter of 9th August, with a proclamation of a cessation of hostilities against His Catholic Majesty and the Republic of Genoa, which he has had published in the most public manner. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14. Original. 3 folios.

Nov. 12. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Mr. (Ald-

worth, the under Secr. of State,) informing him that the proclamation of the Lords Justices of England for taking off the prohibition of commerce with the French, is ordered to be published in New Jersey, and inserted in the newspapers. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 128. Orig'l. 1 folio.

Nov. 12. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, in answer to their's of the 18th of August last, informing that in April last he sent the public papers, and the duplicates of them about 3 months ago—Now he sends triplicates—on the 10th of Nov. the session of the New Jersey Assembly began at Perth Amboy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 8. Original. 2 folios.

Nov. 15. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Justices, recommending Mr. Richard Saltar to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. John Hamilton, deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 176. Entry. 1 folio.

Nov. 16. Petition presented by Mr. Ferd. Jno. Paris, on behalf of Isabella Morris, widow, Lewis Morris and Rob't Hunter Morris, Esqrs., executors of the late Gov'r Morris, to the Board of Trade, praying that the Gov'r of New Jersey be directed to recommend to the Assembly the payment of the said late Gov'r Morris, which was remaining due to him from the 23d of Sept., 1744, to his death. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 6. Original. 5 folios.

[See "Papers of Gov'r Lewis Morris," p. 315.]

Nov. 25. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Belcher—Desire to have his observations upon each Act of the Assembly of New Jersey in as full and particular a manner as may be, and in particular about the Act for making current £40,000 in bills of credit, against which application has been made—Richard Saltar, Esq., is proposed to be of the Council of New Jersey, he being recommended by the late Governor—to pursue such measures as will tend to obtain the arrears of the salary due to the late Governor for the benefit of his executors. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 177. Entry. 9 folios.

[—— Robert H. Morris to Ja's Alexander—Nothing effectual for the matter of the riots to be expected of the Assembly—disposition to throw the fault on "them" (the Council)—recommends therefore the drafting of a brief statement of the facts from the several affidavits, to be read before the Committee of Conference, that the Assembly might be put on the defensive—recommends an abridgment from the "state" Mr. A. had prepared (see Jan. 1748.) Original. Rutherfurd MSS. (*Should have been inserted Nov.* 1747.)

N. B. Nov. 30th, 1747, was the day fixed for the meeting of the Committee of Conference, but it was postponed by one or the other of the Houses until Dec. 10th, and subsequently in January, on the

15th of which month the conclusion was arrived at in Committee, that effectual measures should be adopted for strengthening "the hands of the Government," and the Committee so reported on the 19th.]

Nov. 28. St. James'. Order of Council approving the Representation of the Board of Trade of the 15th instant, and appointing Richard Saltar, Esq., to be of the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 32. Copy. 2 folios.

Dec. 22. New Jersey. The Address of Ja's Alexander, R. H. Morris, Edw'd Antill, Ja's Hude, Andr'w Johnston, and Peter Kemble of the Council of New Jersey, to the King, praying to strengthen the hands of the Government in reducing the rioters to obedience. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 133. Original. 8 folios.

Dec. 22. Perth Amboy. Letter from Ja's Alexander, R. H. Morris, Edw'd Antill, Ja's Hude, Andr'w Johnston, and Peter Kemble, Esqrs., to the Secr. of State—Disordered state of the Province—the number of men who defy the King's authority—the Assembly will not interpose, neither the Governor—pray that the King may check the progress of a rebellion—send extracts from the proceedings of the Council and Assembly on this subject. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 132. Original. 6 folios.

Dec. 22. Perth Amboy. Letter from Ja's Alexander, R. H. Morris, Edw. Antill, Ja's Hude, Andr'w Johnston, and Peter Kemble, Esqrs., of the Council of New Jersey, enclosing copies of their Address to the King, and of a letter to the Duke of Bedford, Secr. of State, dated as above, on the subject of the riots, &c., in that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 12 Original (without the enclosures.) 2 folios.

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[Jan. 17. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander—Acknowledges the receipt of a box of papers referring to the boundary line between New York and New Jersey in a damaged state—points out some defects in testimony, and errors in transcribing—discusses the propriety of New Jersey's *enacting* that the initial station point should be on the *east* side of the Hudson, when both Provinces in 1719 had agreed that it should be on the *west* (the letter imperfect.) Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Jan. 23. Lincoln's Inn. Report from Mr. Lamb to the Board of Trade upon 19 Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed there in January and February, 1747–48, with observations upon some of them. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 9. Original. 18 folios.

Feb. 17. Letter from Mr. Partridge to Mr. Secr. Hill, desiring him to move the Board of Trade to make their report upon the Acts

of New Jersey, passed in Jan. and Feb., 1747–48, and in particular upon two Acts with suspending clauses, in order that they may receive the King's assent. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 10. Original. 2 folios.

[Feb. 21 to Mar. 28. Draft of Minutes of Council, "Public and Privy," prepared by Mr. Alexander for transmission to England. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[March 9. Philadelphia. Robert H. Morris to James Alexander—Did not expect any thing to be done by the Assembly sufficient to put an end to the riots—should they refuse, they should be prorogued, and the Governor join the Council in representing the matter to England—it would never be well ended but from thence. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[March 24. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander—His proceedings in behalf of the Proprietors, &c.—the Board of Trade wonderfully taken up with their scheme of sending the disbanded soldiers and sailors to Nova Scotia to settle that country—their stay there he thought uncertain—had retained the Attorney General and Solicitor General for the Proprietors and the Council of New Jersey, against the rioters—refers to his prophecy as to the probable course of Gov'r Belcher in New Jersey (see letter Feb. 10th, 1747)—would think himself fortunate could he get the matters intrusted to him considered at all "by any body or any Board whatever"—"if it concerned one single voice or vote in our House of Commons, here at home, it might be worthy of consideration"—the most to be expected was "strong paper instructions," or perhaps a proposal to reunite New Jersey to New York—the volumes of papers sent to him scarcely left him time to devote to any other business—not surprised at the course of Gov'r Belcher, "just so he did, to a hair, about the Loggers in another place," (Massachusetts)—"no man would do a wrong thing for the sake of doing wrong; it is necessity makes him do what he does; if you would relieve his necessity, you might have him on your side"—"he has long used a double way of speaking, writing, and acting"—"he would, if possible, deceive the elect"—could not get the Board of Trade to attend to the division line bill. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

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March 28. Burlington. Letter signed by nine of the Council of New Jersey to the Board of Trade, enclosing a duplicate copy of their letter to the Duke of Bedford of the same date, wherein they complain of the refusal of the New Assembly to make provisions for guarding jails, and otherwise to assist in quelling the riots in that Province, notwithstanding the earnest recommendation from the Governor, and pray for the King's speedy and effectual interposition for restoring peace. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 18. Original. 5 folios.

April 13. Whitehall. Order of Council referring to the Board of Trade's consideration the petition of the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey to the King, dated 23d Dec., 1748, complaining of the riotous proceedings of the inhabitants, and that the Assembly have refused to afford the Government any assistance—Praying the King to take the case into his consideration, and to put a stop to the growing rebellion there. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 11. Order, orig'l; 3 folios: Pet'n, copy; 16 do.: 19 folios.

[2d Month (April) 14. London. Richard Partridge to Richard Smith, jr., Burlington, informing him of the arrival of letters from the Province to the Duke of Bedford, the Proprietors of Pennsylvania, and F. J. Paris, with a petition from the Council of Proprietors referring to the riots—Had not been able to get a sight of a letter from some of the Council to the Duke of Bedford, which had also been received. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[April 15. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander, New York—Statements of what had been done since his letter of 24th March—the petition of the Council of Proprietors had been referred to a Committee of Council—would endeavour to have it referred to the Board of Trade, as well as the Address of the New Jersey Council—the Bishops were anxious to have the disturbances in the Province settled, fearful that nonjuring Bishops driven out of the kingdom might go to New Jersey, and breed confusion by joining the discontented party there—"great wrath had gone out" from the Board of Trade against Gov'r Belcher, as it was thought he must have had it in his power to quell the disturbances—would keep a watch upon the proceedings of his brother-in-law, Mr. Partridge, should any attempt be made to prejudice the interest of the Proprietors—knew the Governor and his brother both so well, that he dared not trust either of them. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[2d Month (April) 17. London. Richard Partridge to Richard Smith, jr., Burlington—Enclosed a copy of the petition of the Council of Proprietors referred to in his letter of April 14th—had called upon the Duke of Bedford, and endeavoured "to take off the edge of his prejudice," and read to him part of Mr. Smith's letter to him of 19th Feb., 1747–48—hoped the Assembly would vindicate themselves from the charges brought by the Proprietors. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

April 21. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Secr. Hill, enclosing his answers to the general queries sent from the Board of Trade, respecting the state of New Jersey in point of its locality, produce, trade, commerce, &c. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 24. Original. 11 folios.

April 21. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board

of Trade, in answer to their letter of the 25th November, 1748—Sends transcripts of the Acts, and refers the Board to his letter of the 22d of April last year for reason for passing them—observations in support of the £40,000 Bills of Credit Act—he will make inquiry as to the exports and imports of N. Jersey for twenty years past—the appointment of Mr. Saltar to the Council is not in harmony with the Governor's instructions, as it will make seven Councillors for the Eastern Division, and five for the Western—he will move the Assembly to pay the arrears of the late Gov'r's salary to his executors—sends six Acts passed in New Jersey 16th December, 1748, and other public papers. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 26. Original. 10 folios.

April 21. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Duke of Bedford, Secr. of State—Sends the Acts of the New Jersey Assembly, passed there in December, 1748, and copies of the Journals of Council and Assembly—prays that the Acts may receive the Royal approbation. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 152. Original. 2 folios.

April 22. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—The unsettled state of New Jersey—the Assembly pay no regard to proper measures for suppressing the spirit of sedition and rebellion—the matter ought to be laid before the King for his interposition. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 25. Original. 7 folios.

Similar letter, and bearing the same date, was addressed by Gov'r Belcher to the Secretary of State. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 275.

May 10. A state of facts concerning the riots and insurrections in New Jersey, and the remedies attempted to restore the peace of the Province, presented to the Board by Mr. Paris, in whose handwriting the following note on the back of the document appears:

"The within state of facts is not drawn up now for any particular purpose, but was drawn up and afterwards approved by His Maj'ty's Council in New Jersey, (the former part of it in Jan. 1747, (1747–48) and the latter part of it in Dec. 1748,) from original papers which had been laid before the Council and Assembly there; and Committees of Council were appointed, and the within state of facts was ordered to be laid, by such Committees of Council, before the Assembly, at free conferences, which were demanded, in order to have induced the Assembly to come into measures to strengthen the hands of the Government in New Jersey." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol 6, G 15. Fair draft. 50 folios.

[See January 1748] and the continuation 1749, June 11. Mr. Paris to Mr. Pownal.

[May 26. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander, New York—Had had a hearing that day before the Lords of Trade in

reference to the riots, and had endeavoured to obtain a recommendation that the King should instruct the Governor to recommend to the Assembly immediate suppressive measures, and should it be unheeded, that the matter should be laid before Parliament—the Board did not think the Governor in earnest in his desire to support the King's authority, as they had not received a single letter from him about the riots, and were disposed to recommend the sending of another Governor, with a salary paid there, "and some independent companies as at New York"—the whole Board averse to joining New Jersey to New York—thought some one inimical to the Governor had been reviving the recollection of his proceedings in Massachusetts. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[May 30. New York. James Alexander and Robert Hunter Morris to Ferd. John Paris—Had heard that either Gov'r Belcher or his son was going to Europe—if so, Paris to be on the watch, for fear it should be as agent for the rioters or the Assembly, against the Assembly, or to procure the removal of Chief Justice Morris—the mandamus of Mr. Saltar had been received—the appointment would be of great use to the Province, as he was "a man of good understanding"—they had no hope of any share in the Governor's recommendation in any future vacancies in the Council—it would be of dangerous consequences to the King's authority in New Jersey should "a mob Assembly," such as there then was, should have the recommendation of Councillors, which they thought would be the case so long as Mr. Belcher was Governor. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[4th Mo. (June) 3. London. Richard Partridge to Richard Smith, jr., Burlington—The resentment concerning the riots continued to be felt by the Board of Trade—some talk of ordering forces to the Province—state of the paper currency bill—had recently discovered in the Council office "divers old writings" concerning the trial in East New Jersey in 1695, between James Fullerton, plaintiff, and Jeffrey Jones, defendant, on a suit in ejectment, which he thought bore upon the matters then in dispute—sent copies of several of the papers (see Bill in Chancery, p. 44, &c., and Answer, p. 29, for the circumstances of this case)—suggested the propriety of a trial being submitted to in the Province, and should the Proprietors succeed, have the case carried up to the King in Council to try the validity of the letters—he would attend to the matter, and was not without hopes of securing their object—this was a much more honorable course for the people to pursue, than by tumultuous proceedings incurring the danger of being put down by force of arms—the course they had pursued was "disgraceful, and very greatly resented by the ministry." Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

June 4 and 5. New Jersey. Extracts of two letters from New Jersey to Mr. Paris, relating to the riots and disturbances in the

Province, presented to the Board of Trade by Mr. Paris, 26th July, 1749. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 28. Copies. 3 folios.

[June 7. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander, New York—Had forgotten to state in his previous letter of 26th May, that the Lords of Trade thought Governor Belcher had exceeded his powers in passing an Act to pardon treason, and had offered, if he believed it would conciliate the Assembly, to grant permission to issue "a little more paper money," which he considered a great condescension, as the Board had just introduced a bill into Parliament for the suppression of *all* paper money in America—Lord Halifax in favour of sending a strong force to the Province sufficient to quell all tumults—Mr. Penn had interested himself very much in the matter of the riots, but the West Jersey Society had done nothing—question as to the expense to be incurred should forces be sent—the bill for the suppression of paper money in the Colonies laid aside—accounts to be laid before Parliament at the next session of the amount issued by each—this matter had been driven on by "Alderman Baker, assisted by a hot-headed, violent man, one Crockett, a Carolina merchant, and assisted also by Horace Walpole." Original duplicate. Rutherfurd MSS.]

June 9. Letter from Mr. Paris to Mr. Secr. Pownal, enclosing an extract of a letter from New Jersey, showing the formidable state of the riots in that Province, desiring the same to be laid before the Board of Trade. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 19. Original. 3 folios.

June 10. Letter from Mr. Paris to Mr. Secr. Pownal, enclosing, for the information of the Board of Trade, several papers lately received from New Jersey, relating to the rebellion in that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 20. Original (with enclosures.) 17 folios.

June 11. Letter from Mr. Paris to Mr. Secr. Pownal, transmitting, for the information of the Board of Trade, "a second addition to the brief state of facts concerning the riots, &c., in New Jersey," being a continuation of the state of facts presented by Mr. Paris to the Board of Trade on the 10th of May, 1749, down to the 14th of April last, inclusive. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, 22 & 23. The Letter, original; 1 folio: the Enclosure, fair draft; 26 folios: 27 folios.

June 15. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Hill to Wm. Pitt, Esq., Paymaster General of the Forces, and the R't Hon. Henry Fox, Esq., Secretary at War, relating to the demands of the Northern Colonies, on account of an expedition intended against Canada, desiring them to meet the Board on the 22d of the same month, in order to take the above matter into consideration. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen Vol. 40, p. 317. Entry. 5 folios.

[June 22. Newark. David Ogden to Chief Justice Morris, New York—Aaron Ball, one of the rioters in prison, anxious to see him—Ball and several others having expressed their willingness to submit to the laws, he suggests the propriety of holding a special court in Essex County, presuming that all, or nearly all of the rioters, would voluntarily present themselves for trial. Original copy. Rutherfurd MSS.

Sent to Mr. Alexander by a private hand (who was the bearer of the original) for his consideration, with the view of obtaining his sanction before forwarding it to its destination. For Mr. Alexander's answer, see below. For notice of David Ogden, see Field's Provincial Courts, pp. 182–188.]

[June 22. London. Ferd. John Paris to Board of Trade—State of the case concerning the origin of the disturbances in New Jersey, submitted in accordance with a request of the Board. (See July 4th, 1749.) Original copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[June 23. New York. James Alexander to David Ogden, Newark, expressing his unwillingness, under the circumstances he details, to consent to try any of the rioters by a jury of the County of Essex—if all New Jersey should join the rioters, it would not induce him to advise such a course without directions from England, and he doubted not, should they all do so, the King could, and would, restore the Government and laws in New Jersey, and make lasting examples of those who had rebelled against them—should a sentence of high treason be pronounced against the rioters, the judgment could never be carried out in Essex County. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

June 24. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State (D. of Bedford)—Acknowledges the receipt of several of his letters—sends the transactions of the Assembly of New Jersey held at Burlington—desires to be informed whether it is true that some letters were sent home having tendency to make an unfavorable impression of his administration—reasons for not joining with six of the Council in a representation they made in December last about the riots in New Jersey—his loyalty and duty to the King—forty years ago he was the only English American that had been at the Court of Hanover. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 276. Original. 15 folios.

June 27. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Waiting for instructions from the King how he is to act in the existing riots—no money in the Treasury to pay the Govern't officers—no hopes of the Assembly's doing any thing for the King's service—sends the Acts and several public papers. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 33. Orig'l. 4 folios.

June 28. Kensington. Order of Council disallowing an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in December, 1743, entitled

"An Act for ascertaining the fees to be taken by the several officers in the Colony of New Jersey." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 34. Copy. 3 folios.

[July 1. Sharon. Charles Read, Secr. to James Alexander, New York—The Governor anxious to have a meeting of the Assembly, in consequence of the low state of the Treasury—wishes the opinions of Mr. Alexander and Chief Justice Morris as to the proper time for doing so. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[July 4. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander, New York—Details the progress made in bringing documents referring to the rioters, &c., to the notice of the Government—the difficulties in the way of a hearing—Lord Halifax determined that the fault shall not lie at his door, and should the matter be much longer delayed, would cause a representation to be laid before His Majesty from the Board of Trade—the Board had publicly declared that they saw through the artifice of the rioters in promulgating the idea that the disorders arose out of a private dispute with Mr. A. and Chief Justice Morris—they approved of the reply made by him and the Chief Justice to the proposal of the rioters (to be tried in Essex Co., see 1749, June 22d)—their present declared opinion that a new Governor should be sent over, and some troops transferred to the Province from Nova Scotia—asserts his belief that the Governor had deceived Mr. Alexander and his friends—a letter had been received from the Governor, stating that the disturbances in New Jersey were grown too great for him to quell, and praying the assistance of the Government—the communication not satisfactory to the Board—attributed to information communicated by Mr. Partridge of the displeasure of the Board—had been asked by the Board the cause of the riots, which he had answered in a written document. (See June 22 and 23, 1749.) Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

July 6. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Hill to Richard Nevill Aldworth, Esq., Deputy Secr. of State, and a letter from Mr. John Pownal to the principal Officers of the Board of Ordnance, on the subject of the expenses incurred by the Northern Provinces towards the intended expedition against Canada. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 320. Entries. 6 folios.

[July 14. New York. James Alexander to Charles Read, in answer to his of July 1st—He and Chief Justice Morris think it advisable to have a meeting of the Assembly called speedily. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

July 17. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secretary Hill to Sir Dudley Rider, Att. Gen'l, and William Murray, Esq., Sol. Gen'l, desiring their opinion, in point of law, upon five Acts of the New Jersey Assembly, passed in February, 1747–48. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 181. Entry. 5 folios.

July 18. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Hill to Mr. Lamb, desiring him to reconsider an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in January, 1747–48, and reported upon by him on the 23d of January last, entitled "An Act to oblige several Sheriffs in this Colony of New Jersey to give security, and take the oaths or affirmation therein directed for the due discharge of their offices, and to prevent their too long continuance therein"—which Act appears to be of an unusual and extraordinary nature. S P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 183. Entry. 2 folios.

July 21. Report from Sir D. Ryder, Att. Gen'l, and W. Murray, Esq., Sol. General, upon five Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed there in February, 1747–48, approving some, and objecting to others. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 27. Original. 12 folios.

[July 19. London. Ferd. John Paris to Ja's Alexander, New York—Lord Halifax being unwilling to leave town with business in his office unattended to, had sent for Mr. Partridge and himself to attend the Board of Trade, in reference to the bill creating £40,000 in bills of credit—his proceedings to screen the non-approval of the Act—Mr. Partridge's course to procure its passage—a Mr. Weare, who said he had resided about 8 years in New Jersey, and had raised a company there, and left there about Feb. 1747, testified to the necessity that existed for more paper money in the Colony—the riots made the subject of another letter—was going that day to the Board of Trade to get a day fixed to be heard, respecting the division line between New York and New Jersey. Original triplicate. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[July 19. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander—Account of a hearing upon New Jersey matters before the ministry on 12th July—the Lord Chancellor, Dukes of Bedford and Newcastle, Earl of Sandwich, Mr. Pelham, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Lords Halifax and Dupplin, and the other ordinary members of the Board present—lasted from before seven in the evening until one in the morning—the Board of Trade had drawn up a statement of facts, which they submitted to the ministry—after reading which, he was called in and examined for more than an hour—Mr. Partridge in waiting, but not called in—after he withdrew, the five great ministers retired and held a private conference, the result of which he did not know—another meeting to be held—the influence of Chief Justice Morris's sister and Mr. Penn, if exercised, sufficient to secure the appointment of such Councillors as might be desired—the Lords disposed to bring about a reunion with New York. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[July 20. London. Copy of a letter to a great man, (Richard Partridge to Lord D(upplin ?) giving an account of the origin of the disturbances in New Jersey—The course of the Assembly—vouching

for the loyalty of the people, notwithstanding the riots, and stating what he had recommended as to having trials take place in the Province, with the view of appealing to the King in Council.

Copy from Partridge's original draft, with the words and passages marked, as erased in the original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[July 21. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander—Had that day attended a meeting of the Board of Trade, to which he had been summoned—inquiry made of him as to the reunion with New York being an adequate relief in the estimation of the Council, &c.—answering in the affirmative—a preparatory report was being prepared by the Board—the Acts for pardoning the rioters, staying proceedings, &c., had been declared by the Lord Chancellor Acts of treason in the Governor, Council and Assembly, the assumption of such powers robbing the Crown of its prerogatives—the Lords of Trade had employed the whole day in reading out of their books the account of Bacon's rebellion in Virginia in 1675, and what was then done—Bacon, by actual force, compelled the passage of an Act to pardon the treason then committed, yet the King sent over persons with power to pardon, and who really did pardon the Governor, Council and Assembly—the treason of passing that Act, "tho' under force"—Mr. Partridge had seen his packet of 19th put in the letter bag at the coffee house, so, if not received, immediate notice to be given him. Orig'l. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[July 22. New York. James Alexander to Ferd. John Paris—The friends of the rioters having failed to get a commission for a special court to try the two in prison at Newark "by their fellow-rioters and relatives," "on the 15th inst., in the dead hour of the night, a number of people, in disguise, came to and broke open the goal, and rescued the two prisoners—by their coming in disguise, it seems they have got a little more fear and modesty than they used to have." Original draft (see Oct. 11–16, 1749.) Rutherfurd MSS.]

July 25. Letter from Mr. Partridge to the Board of Trade, reminding them of his late memorial, and praying to report upon an Act passed in New Jersey in Feb. 1747–48, entitled "An Act to oblige the several Sheriffs of that Colony to give security, and take the oaths and affirmations therein directed, &c.," and to recommend the same to the King for his approbation. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 31. Original. 1 folio.

July 28. Whitehall Letter from the Board of Trade to the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, desiring his, as well as that of the other Ministers' opinion, upon the enclosed paper containing "proposals with regard to the disturbances in His Majesty's Province of New Jersey," being the methods for the surpressing of the disturbances there. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 184. Entries. 24 folios.

July 28. Petition of the President and Committee of the West

New Jersey Society (signed by John Stephenson, Secr.) to the Board of Trade, presented by Mr. Joshua Sharpe, wherein they complain of the riots and disturbances in that Province, and pray for a speedy relief. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 30. Original. 6 folios.

July 28. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing the disallowance of an Act of the New Jersey Assembly passed there in Feb., 1747–48, entitled "An Act for punishing the coiners and counterfeiters of foreign coin passing current, and the counterfeiters of bills of credit of this Province." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 194. Entry. 4 folios.

Aug. 2. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council, (pursuant to their order of the 29th Oct., 1748,) upon the petition of Mr. Partridge, recommending the disallowance of an Act "for making current £40,000 in bills of credit," and the confirmation of an Act "to prevent officers from taking exorbitant fees." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 196. Entry. 26 folios.

[A copy of this in the Rutherfurd MSS., enclosed in Letter of Mr. Paris of Sept. 12.]

[Aug. 7. New York. James Alexander to R. H. Morris, Perth Amboy—Sending him two letters from Mr. Paris (see above, April 15 and May 26)—thinks it but "fair that the Governor should know his danger, and be enabled to use all rational means to avert it"—alluding to the despotism manifested by the Board of Trade, to doubt his sincerity in his endeavors to suppress the riots, and to recommend the appointment of another Governor. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Aug. 16. London. Instructions from the Committee of the W. Jersey Society to Henry Lane, Lewis Johnston and John Foye, their agents, attornies and factors to manage their affairs in N. Jersey—Authorizing sales of certain tracts, and directing arrangements with sundry individuals. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[Aug. 16. Revocation by the Committee of the West Jersey Society, of their power of attorney to Joseph Murray, Jeremiah Lattouch and Joseph Haynes, granted Aug. 26th, 1736, and Feb. 10th, 1737. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[Aug. 16. Power of Attorney from the Committee of the West Jersey Society in England to Henry Lane, Lewis Johnston and John Foye, authorizing them to sell, lease, and generally to do all necessary acts in connection with the lands of the Society—Authenticated before the Lord Mayor of London. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Aug. 19. Perth Amboy. The power given by the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey, to Robert Hun-

ter Morris, Esq., to act as their Agent and Attorney, in all their affairs, now under the consideration of the King and his Ministers, during the residence of the said R. H. Morris in Great Britain. Signed by And. Johnston, Jas. Alexander, Sam'l Leonard, Samuel Nevill, John Burnet, Lewis Johnston, Elisha Parker, William Burnet, and Lewis M. Ashfield. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 37. Original. 5 folios.

Aug. 28. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade (signed by Mr. Secr. Hill,) to the Governors in the American Plantations, enclosing two Acts of Parliament, viz., an Act for encouraging the people called "Unitas Fratrum," or United Brethren, to settle in the American Colonies, and an Act for the further encouragement and enlargement of the whale fishery. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 323. Entry. 2 folios.

Sept. 11. Letter from Mr. Paris to Mr. John Pownall, enclosing copy of letter received from New Jersey, informing him of the continuance of the riots in that Province as late as the 15th of July, 1749. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 6, G. 35. Orig'l. 3 folios.

[Sept. 12. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander, New York—Enclosed report of Board of Trade against the paper money Act, and in favor of the "Fee Act"—had received his letter of 22d July, and had sent copies to the members of the Board, conceiving the facts communicated very important—Lord Halifax "very hearty in the affair" of the riots. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Sept. 23. New York. James Alexander and R. H. Morris to Ferd. John Paris—Acknowledge the receipt of his letters of July 4th, 19th and 21st, and as Mr. Morris intended to sail for England in about a month, they would have postponed replying to them, had it not been for observing that he had given the Ministry to understand that they considered the re-union with New York as an effectual remedy for the disturbances in New Jersey—he had greatly mistaken their views—they were far from thinking "the junction of the Governments sufficient to restore peace, although it might do to preserve it when restored by other means"—wish him to set the matter right in such a manner as might be agreeable to himself. Original draft, partly written by Mr. Alexander, and partly by Mr. Morris. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Sept. 26. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Duke of Bedford, enclosing copy of a letter from Gov'r Belcher, dated the 27th of June last, desiring to have the same laid before the King, in order to obtain His Majesty's directions thereupon. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 207. Entry. 2 folios.

[Sept. 28 to Oct. 18. Draft of Minutes of Council, "public and privy." Original prepared by Mr. Alexander for transmission to England. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Sept. 30. Lincoln's Inn. Report from Mr. Lamb to the Board of Trade, pursuant to their Sec'r's letter of the 18th of July past, upon an Act of the New Jersey Assembly, passed in Jan., 1747–48, entitled "An Act to oblige the several Sheriffs, &c., to give security, &c.," which Act he reconsidered, but does not alter his opinion expressed in the Report of the 23d Jan. last, since it appears to him that Acts of the like nature in regard to Sheriffs have passed in some of the neighbouring Provinces, which have been confirmed at home. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 36. Original. 4 folios.

[Oct. 11–16. Perth Amboy. Affidavits of Daniel Pierson, John Style, Eliphalet Johnson, John Johnson, John Rolph, Aaron Ball, Thophilus Burwell, Casparus Pryyer, John Chandler and Elijah Davis, taken before the Council, relative to the application made by the two prisoners in Essex County Jail, for a special trial, (see July 22, 1749,) and in reference to the number of the rioters, and the manner in which they pretend to hold their lands. Copies. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Originals laid before the Council, Oct. 17th, 1749.

[Oct. 14. Newark. David Ogden to James Alexander, Perth Amboy—The drift of the rioters and their friends to represent that they hold their lands under Indian titles, and that it was to defend their property thus acquired, against the Proprietors, that they entered into the riots, &c.,—proof could be given that such was not the case—the bearer of the letter, Daniel Person, (Pierson?) well-informed on the subject, would testify that three-fifths hold their lands under proprietary titles; one-fifth have no pretensions to any title, and these were the chief destroyers of timber, and the other fifth hold under Indian titles; but not more than one-third first settled their lands under an Indian title, and the other two-thirds purchased the Indian title within a few years then past—the examination of Mr. Person by the Council recommended. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Oct. 18. Perth Amboy. The proceedings in respect to the arrears due to the Executors of Gov'r Morris, on an application made on that head by Gov'r Belcher to the Assembly of New Jersey, in Oct., 1749. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 50. Copy. 40 folios.

Oct. 20. Perth Amboy. Report from Andrew Johnston, Esq., Treasurer of the Province of New Jersey, and Charles Read, Esq., Secr. to Gov'r Belcher, upon the state of the paper currency in the Province. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol 14, p. 281. Original. 12 folios.

[Oct. 23. New York. Affidavit of James Alexander, to obviate the charges of the New Jersey Assembly in their address to

their Governor and petition to the King. His original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Oct. 24. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Attended the Assembly for the last three weeks, but the whole session was spent in dispute and contention with the Council—the state of the Province is worse than when he wrote last. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 48. Original. 2 folios.

Similar letter and under the same date was written to the Duke of Bedford. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 279.

Oct. 24. Boston, N. E. Letter from Mr. Bollan to the Board of Trade, enclosing (pursuant to their desire,) proposals for the better execution of the intent of the laws made to secure and regulate the Plantation trade, and for the more effectual prevention of any European, Asiatic, or other commodities, not shipped in Great Britain as the laws require, being imported into the Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 14, O. 61. Original. 20 folios.

[Oct. 28. Neweastle, Delaware. Rob't H. Morris to James Alexander, New York—Was to go on board the Carolina, Capt. Stephen Mesnard, that night—"the Assembly's petition against us is greatly laughed at here, and I doubt not will be so at home"—"I hear the man employed by Bowes has only verbal powers, and is a very weak brother." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Hill to Mr. Dep'y Secr. of State Aldworth, desiring copies of orders which were sent to the American Colonies, respecting the arming and clothing of the troops intended for the expedition against Canada. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 40, p. 326. Entry. 3 folios.

Nov. 3. Memorial from Mr. Partridge to the Board of Trade, praying for a copy of Gov'r Shirley's objections to the New Jersey and Rhode Island accounts of the expenses they were at in the late intended Expedition against Canada. S. P. O. B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 14, O. 9. Original. 1 folio.

[Nov. 7. Newark. David Ogden to James Alexander, New York—The rioters had got a petition signed by a great number, to be transmitted to the King, setting forth their grievances—it had been given to a friend of theirs at Burlington, with about £100 in cash to be sent to the Agent of the Colony in London. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Nov. 23. St. James'. Order of Council, confirming an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in Feb., 1747–48, entitled "An Act for enabling the Judges and Justices of that Colony to ascertain and tax bill of costs, &c. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 54. Copy 4 folios.

Nov. 23. St. James'. Order of Council, declaring the disal-

lowance of an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, entitled "An Act for making current £40,000 in bills of credit." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 53. Copy. 4 folios.

Nov. 23. St. James'. Order of Council, disallowing an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in Feb., 1747–48, entitled "An Act for punishing the coiners and counterfeiters of bills of credit of this Province." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 55. Copy. 4 folios.

Nov. 25. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State—Gave notice to all His Majesty's subjects in New Jersey, of the general orders of His Catholic Majesty to all his Governors, of the restitution of all English prizes. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 282. Original. 1 folio.

Nov. 27. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of the Board's letters, and sends copies of several public papers—the Assembly of New Jersey, during the whole session, was in dispute and contention with the Council—no money in the public treasury, and the officers of the Government are not paid—the Assembly would enter into no measures to suppress the riots—some smart orders must be sent by the King in order to put a stop to them—there is hardly a probability of obtaining the payment of the arrears due to the Executors of the late Gov'r Morris. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 49. Original. 7 folios.

Similar letter and under the same date was written to Secr. of State. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 284.

Nov. 27, and Dec. 10. Extracts of two letters from Mr. Richard Smith to Mr. Partridge, giving an account of the proceedings of the New Jersey Assembly—the feelings of the people against the Proprietors—the reasons why the Assembly do not intend paying the arrears of salary due to the late Gov'r Morris. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 68. Copies. 10 folios.

[Nov. 27. Newark. David Ogden to Jas. Alexander—A riot had been committed a fortnight before at Horseneck—the house of Abraham Philips broken open and he turned out—a stack of his oats burnt—"proper affidavits of this riot would be proper to accompany our Assembly's representation home of the pacific spirit of the rioters." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Nov. 28. New York. James Alexander to Robert Hunter Morris, London—Relating to the proceedings of the New Jersey Assembly, in reference to the claim presented by the heirs of Gov'r Morris. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Printed in "Collections of New Jersey Hist. Soc.," Vol. IV. p. 320.]

[Nov. 29. Affidavits of Thomas Gould and Abraham Philips,

of the circumstances attending the riot at Horseneck. Certified copies. Rutherfurd MSS.

Fuller affidavits of the same persons before Judge Nevill, bearing date Dec. 9th, are in the same collection.]

[Dec. List of papers sent by James Alexander to Robert Hunter Morris, to advance the cause of the Proprietors in England. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.

Most of them specially noticed in foregoing pages.]

[Dec. 1. Newark. David Ogden to James Alexander, N. York —Five of the rioters at Horseneck (see Nov. 27th,) had been arrested—Edward Archer and Elisha Clark principal offenders—Justices appeared to be in earnest in examining into this affair, which "seemed to shock the more thinking part of the rioters," coming so soon after their petition to the King, in which they avowed their intention to submit to the laws. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Dec. 21. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Secr. Hill—Acknowledges the receipt of his letter of the 28th Aug. last, with the printed copies of two Acts of Parliament. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 58. Original. 1 folio.

Dec. 26. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Sends duplicate of his former letter—no money in the public Treasury—the spirit of rioting continues—sends affidavits on the subject of those riots—he will consult with the Council, and urge strongly upon the Assembly of New Jersey to take effectual measures to suppress them—no accounts of the exports and imports were sent to him by the Collectors of Perth Amboy and Salem. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 59. Original. 5 folios.

Dec. 26. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Secr. of State—Sends duplicates of his former letters—no money in the public Treasury, and the spirit of rioting continues as much as ever—encloses copies of affidavits to show the state of the Province—he will consult with the Council, and urge strongly upon the Assembly to take some effectual steps to put down the riots. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 14, p. 391.

Letter, original, 3 folios; affidavits, copies, 40 folios;—43 folios.

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Jan. 4. Affidavits of John Hackett and Charles Russell, about the riots in N. Jersey, committed on the 2d inst.—presented to the Board by Mr. Morris. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 52 and G. 64. Copies. 6 folios.

Enclosed (G. 64,) in 1750, March 26. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade.

[Jan. 8. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Walley—Reference to some person he designates as "the mean prostituted Liquidator," who had behaved unjustly towards the Colonies—"the ma-

levolence of a young gentleman, lately gone" from New Jersey, towards the Province and the College (alluding to Robert H. Morris.) Belcher Papers.]

[Jan. 8. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. Mr. Hobby—Comments on the character of the late deceased Mr. Remington. Belcher Papers.]

Jan. 20. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Sends the accounts of the exports and imports of New Jersey, except from the Port of Salem, the Collector of that Port not having made as yet his report. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 61. Original. 2 folios.

Jan. 26. Burlington. Proclamation of Gov'r Belcher, commanding all the civil and military officers of the Province of New Jersey, to be very vigilant in apprehending any persons who have been concerned in the riots. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 63. Broadside. 4 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, of March 26th, 1750.

[Jan. 27. London. Robert Hunter Morris to James Alexander—Comments upon the disposition of Lord Stair's lands in N. Jersey by his will—the suspension of Mr. Coxe from the Council caused, he understood, from abusive expressions used towards the Governor—Coxe's not applying to Mr. A. or himself for assistance, an indication of consciousness that he did not deserve any from them —"did you know the man as well as I do, you'd know that no act of friendship could bind him, and that serving him unasked would only raise his opinion of his own consequence, and make him more troublesome than ever"—had desired Mr. Paris not to interest himself in the matter either way—understood that the Board of Trade intended to recommend Mr. Wm. Morris to supply Coxe's place, and had endeavored to dissuade them from doing so—New York boundary question, &c. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Feb. 1. Power of Attorney from the Committee of the West Jersey Society to Henry Lane and Lewis Johnston, to be their agents and factors in the Province, and revoking their previous power to Henry Lane, Lewis Johnston and John Foye, issued Aug. 16, 1749. Authenticated before the Lord Mayor of London. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Feb. 28. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, upon the account of expenses incurred in the Northern Colonies, on the intended Expedition against Canada. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 41, p. 1. Entry. The whole report about 600 folios. The New Jersey part about 42 folios.

March 5. The memorial from Robert Hunter Morris, Esq., to the Board of Trade—Complaining of the conduct of the Assembly of New Jersey, in refusing to pay the arrears of salary due to the late Gov'r Morris, his father, and desiring relief therein. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 51. Original. 3 folios.

[See "Papers of Gov. Lewis Morris," p. 315.]

March 13. A third addition to the brief state of facts concerning the riots, &c., in New Jersey down to Nov. 9, 1749, presented to the Board of Trade by Mr. Morris—(see the "Brief State of Facts, 1749, May 10, June 11,") to which are added several affidavits, depositions, and other documents in support of the above statement. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47. Various—about 200 folios.

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March 26. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Sends the Journals of Council and Assembly—they have not agreed upon a single thing—the Assembly would not even offer to suppress the riots—encloses an affidavit about fresh disturbances—a proclamation was issued which proved of some service—no money in the public Treasury—the Governor and the officers were not paid their salaries for the last eight months—the rioters spreading their influence to such a degree that the Legislature seem to be stagnated by it. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 62. Original. 4 folios.

Similar letter of the same date was written to the Secr. of State. See Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 1. Enclosing affidavits of John Hackett and Charles Russell, Jan. 4, 1750, and Gov'r Belcher's proclamation, Jan. 26, 1740.

March 31. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Enclosing a copy of a bill being intended as introduction of a law for levying taxes to raise money for the service of the Government, passed by the Assembly of New Jersey in Oct. and Feb. last, and each time rejected by the Council, and desiring to have the Board's opinion upon it for his better guidance and direction. S. P.O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 65, 66.

Letter, original, 2 folios; bill, copy, 25 folios—27 folios.

April 7. Letter from Mr. Partridge to the Board of Trade, enclosing a representation from the Assembly of New Jersey to the said Board, containing their reasons why they refused to pay the arrears of salary due to the late Gov'r Morris to his Executors. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 56. Orig'l. 9 folios.

April 24. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State—Acknowledges the receipt of His Grace's (the Secretary of State's,) letter of the 7th of Dec. last, with a copy of the King's order for exchanging any Indian prisoners taken during the late war;

which order shall be punctually obeyed. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 67. Original. 2 folios.

May 3. Whitehall. Order of Council, referring to the consideration of the Board of Trade, the petition of the House of Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey, complaining of the conduct of the Proprietors of East New Jersey, and soliciting the royal countenance of the people of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 57. Orig'l. 22 folios.

May 29. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State—Acknowledges the receipt of the Secr's letter of the 26th of Feb. last, with a copy of the King's order to exchange the French and Indian prisoners, and to redeem slaves taken in the last war, and a copy of similar order from the French King—the exchange of prisoners was accomplished between the inhabitants of New Jersey and the subjects of the King of the French. S. P. O. Am. & West Indies. Vol. 15, p. 68. Orig'l. 3 folios.

May 29. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade (signed by Mr. Secr. Hill,) to the Governors in America, enclosing printed copies of three Acts of Parliament, viz., an Act for extending the African trade—an Act to encourage the growth of silk—and an Act to encourage the importation of pig and bar iron to Great Britain. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 41, p. 244. Entry. 6 folios.

June 1. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Privy Council, upon the "present" state of N. Jersey, being an account of the origin of the Propriety of that Province, of the rise and progress of the riots and disorders, remarks upon the conduct of the Council and Assembly during the said disorders—bad conduct of the Assembly being "an insult upon the Crown," and an injury to the Proprietors, &c., &c. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 208. Entry. 340 folios.

[June 8. N. York. Capt. Robert Roddam, of the Grayhound man-of-war, to Chief Justice Delancey—Regretting an accident resulting from a shot from his vessel the day before—had ordered the officer in command to be put under arrest—objecting to the course of the Chief Justice in arresting the gunner's mate who had fired the gun.

Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 572. See 1750, June 12.]

[June 9. New York. Chief Justice De Lancey to Capt. Roddam—Stating that in issuing the warrant for the gunner's mate, (see 1750, June 8,) he had only discharged his duty.

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 572. See 1750, June 12.]

[June 9. New York. Capt. Robt. Roddam to Chief Justice De Lancey—In answer to the above—demanding the release of the

gunner's mate, in order that he might be tried on board the ship in accordance with the articles of war, &c.

Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 573. See 1750, June 12.]

[June 12. New York. Chief Justice De Lancey to Capt. Robt. Roddam—The gunner's mate (see foregoing letters,) having been committed upon an inquisition before the Coroner, upon a charge of murder within the City and County of New York, and he therefore could not comply with his demand—but must leave him to be delivered by due course of law. See next letter.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 573.]

[June 12. New York. Gov'r Clinton to the Duke of Bedford —Informing him of the killing of the maid servant of Col. Ricketts, of the Jerseys, by a shot from the Grayhound man-of-war, she being on board of the Colonel's pleasure boat with himself and family—the fire drawn by the boat's carrying a pennant—"Col. Ricketts, a hot-headed, rash young man," had declared before he left the wharf, that he would carry the pennant in defiance of the man-of-war—the Chief Justice had issued his warrant for arresting the officer in command of the vessel.

Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI., p. 571, and see N. J. Hist. Soc. Collections, Vol. IV. p. 64, *note.*]

[June 12. New York Gov'r Clinton to Duke of Bedford—His observations on the course of Chief Justice de Lancey, in relation to the death of Col. Rickett's maid servant. (See foregoing letters.]

Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 575. This affair caused a great excitement. The gunner's mate, James Parks, was kept in confinement for a month or more, the Attorney General (Bradley) declining to interfere for his release, and how the affair terminated is uncertain. See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. pp. 583–585. The Lieut., who was temporarily in command, the Captain himself having been on shore, was sent under arrest to England, there to be tried according to the rules of the navy.]

July 19. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America, requiring an account of the boundaries of their respective Provinces and Colonies. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 41, p. 251. Entry. 4 folios.

July 31. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Suspended Mr. John Coxe from the Council of N. Jersey, for his insolent behaviour to the Governor—the said Mr. Coxe determined to do all in his power to hinder the King's Governor from having any salary—sends several affidavits, letters, &c., relative to the unjustifiable conduct of Mr. Coxe. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 70 and 71.

Letter, original, incl. copies, 37 folios. Similar letter of the same date was written to the Secr. of State. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 69.

[Aug. 2. New York. James Alexander to Robert Hunter

Morris. London. Nothing new in New Jersey—had received a summons to attend a meeting of Governor in Council at Burlington, on 26th July, but was unable to attend, and therefore knew not the cause of the summons—had placed Mr. Dunster's children at school at New Rochelle—New York politics—had received a visit from David Allen, the discoverer of iron ore on his land—Allen's account of the navigableness respectively of the Raritan and Delaware—the advantages that would be enjoyed by a furnace situated on his land, over any in New York, New Jersey, or Pennsylvania, known to him. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Aug. 3. New York. Gov'r Clinton to Duke of Bedford—The accident resulting from the fire of the Grayhound, was taken advantage of by his opponents to his prejudice, Capt. Roddam being his son-in-law—informs him of the arrest of the gunner's mate, &c., —had done nothing but to furnish the Attorney General with the clause in the instructions to the Governor, which removed such cases from the ordinary jurisdiction of the Province. See 1750, June 12.
Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 574.]

[Aug. 9. Fort George, (New York.) Letter from Gov'r George Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris, in England—Defeat of Lewis Morris's election, through the exertions of Chief Justice De Lancey —the Chief Justice's hostility to all the Governor's measures, and to those thought to be in his interest—solicits Mr. M 's influence with Lord Lincoln to have the Chief Justice removed. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Sept. 1. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Belcher—Acknowledgment of the receipt of his several letters and the Naval Officers' accounts—the behaviour of the Assembly with respect to the arrears due to the late Gov'r Morris is a libel upon the Crown—they justify many things which have received the King's disapprobation—the conduct of the Assembly in the disturbances is censured—the state of the affairs of New Jersey is laid before the King, and orders are shortly expected to be issued to restore order. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 345. Entry. 8 folios.

[Sept. 5. New York. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Robert H. Morris, in England—Urges the continuance of his exertions to "secure the Union Flag"—keep Sir Peter (Warren) out of all Governments, and to crush the Chief Justice (De Lancey)—hopes it is not in contemplation to appoint him (Gov'r C.) to the Government of the Greenwich Hospital—uneasiness occasioned by the conduct of a nephew, &c. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Sept. 8. New York. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris, in England—Adverts to matters in his letter of Sept. 5th—would like to be situated like Lord Albemarle in Virginia, with a Lieut. Governor—in that case would appoint Mr. Morris—

a rumour in Boston that Gen. Shirley was trying to get the Government of New York and New Jersey—encloses addresses of the Assembly, &c., has escaped being called "rogue and rascal"—the address drawn up by "four vinegar barrels, Horsemanden, Clarkson, Jones, and Cruger." Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Sept. 22. New York. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Mr. Catherwood, (formerly his Secretary, then his Agent,) in England—A copy of the patent for the Manor of Morrisania sent over to obtain a confirmation under the Great Seal, with a clause authorizing the sending of a member to the Assembly. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Oct. 1. New York. Letter from Cadwallader Colden to Robert Hunter Morris, in England—Gov'r Shirley thought to have supplanted Gov'r Clinton with the Ministry—cautions him against Col. Roberts—Gov'r Belcher, of New Jersey, had been seized with palsy while attending the commencement of the College at Newark—the action of the Assembly of New York. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Oct. 18. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Committee of West Jersey Society—Advice as to the manner in which they should dispose of their lands in New Jersey—refers to Robert H. Morris, then in London—having recently sold a plantation received from his father, for £6000 sterling, he, Morris, would be able to respond to their demands in the suit in Chancery commenced against him—believed that he was trying to get him (Belcher) removed. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Oct. 26. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Sec. Hill—Acknowledges the receipt of the several Acts of Parliament, transmitted to him in Mr. Hill's letter of the 29th of May last. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 73. Original. 2 folios.

Oct. 26. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State—Has received His Grace's letter of 14th April, enclosing an Act of Parliament which he has had published and printed in one of the public papers of Pennsylvania, there being no printing press in New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 82. Original. 3 folios.

[Oct. 26. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Duke of Newcastle—Had received a copy of the Act of Parliament, prohibiting the erection of slitting or rolling mills and forges in the Colonies—to which he would conform himself—had given it publicity by having it printed in one of the public papers in Pennsylvania, "there being no press in this Province." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Same as foregoing.

[Nov. 2. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Foster—Regrets the animosities existing in the Legislature, arising during a former

administration, with which he had nothing to do, but suffered from—had not received any thing from the Assembly for above 15 months. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 7. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Peagrum, London—A tremulous hand and other monitions remind him of his mortality—harmony subsisting between him and the people of the Province—were he to be elected, thought he would get 19 out of every 20 votes—comparison of the situation of Philadelphia and Boston—prefers the latter—had had no better success than his predecessor in suppressing the outrages which had been committed by rioters in the Province. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Nov. 10. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State—The Assembly of New Jersey met on the 20th of Sept.—no provision was made for the support of the Government—the Assembly and the Council are at variance—the riots and disorders continue. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 132. Original. 2 folios.

Nov. 10. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of the three Acts of Parliament which relate to the Plantations—he will do all in his power to promote the Act for encouraging the importation of iron into Great Britain—sends certificate as to the number of iron forges, &c., in New Jersey—the Assembly met on the 20th of Sept.,—no provision was made to support the Government—the Assembly and the Council are still at variance—the riots continue. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 75. Original. 5 folios.

Enclosing the following. [Copy of this in Belcher Papers.]

Nov. 10. Burlington. Certificate of Gov'r Belcher, with other papers, containing an account of iron forges, mills, engines, &c., for slitting or rolling of iron in the Province of New Jersey, in obedience to an Act of Parliament, "to encourage the importation of pig and bar iron from His Majesty's Colonies, &c." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 76. Originals. 40 folios.

Enclosed in the foregoing.

[Nov. 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to the Duke of Newcastle—Thanks for his "compassionate regard" which had led him to confer upon him (Belcher) the Government of New Jersey, which he had endeavored to administer faithfully—misrepresentations however had been made to the Board of Trade respecting him, in connection with his having approved an Act of indemnity for the rioters—circumstances under which it occurred—hopes he will have His Grace's favor and protection. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Lord Hardwicke—Denouncing the proceedings of the rioters in New Jersey, and adverting to the circumstances detailed in the foregoing despatch. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 15. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—The affairs of the Province would continue to grow worse unless some orders should be sent out from the Government at home, calculated to restore harmony—thinks the West Jersey Society wise in endeavouring to get justice from one of the heirs and Executors of a man who had abused them (Gov'r Morris ?)—"the young man full of malice," (Robt. H. Morris,) and therefore to be watched at the offices—send certificates to shield himself from blame for allowing the members of the Assembly to draw their pay, upon the certificate of the Speaker—congratulates him upon his appointment to the agency of the Colony of Connecticut—his friend Kinsey dead, desirable therefore by correspondence and otherwise to cultivate the good will of Israel Pemberton and John Smith, members of the Pennsylvania Assembly. Belcher Papers.]

Nov. 15. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Secr. of State—One Hoogland, a rioter, has given his possession to the proper owners, and he was released from jail—Mr. Wm. Morris, of the Western Division, is recommended to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. John Coxe, suspended. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 84. Original. 2 folios.

Nov. 15. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Received the Circular of the 19th of July last—cannot learn that N. Jersey has ever been carefully perambulated and surveyed, or any correct map made of it—submission of one of the rioters—Wm. Morris, Esq., recommended to be of the Council of New Jersey in the room of Mr. Coxe, suspended. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 74. Original. 5 folios.

[Copy of this despatch in Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 17. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Appointment of Wm. Morris as one of the Council to be secured if possible—"The young gentleman" (R. H. Morris) might oppose it at the Board of Trade, on account of his being a Quaker. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 22. Coldingham, New York. Letter from Cadwallader Colden to F. Catherwood—Complaints against Gov'r Clinton, relative to the Custom-House duties in the Colony noticed, and the Governor exonerated—young Mr Alexander referred to as reported to have caused jealousies between the Gov'r, Mr. Catherwood and himself—thinks Mr. C. must have been misinformed, "because I take him to be a discreet young man." Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Nov. 22. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Waldron—Comments upon Governor Shirley—and Massachusetts affairs. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Dec. 5. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board

of Trade—An account of the boundaries of New Jersey, in answer to the Circular Letter from the Board of Trade, of the 19th of July last—[sends map of the Provinces of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.] S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 78. Original. 4 folios.

[Copy of this in Belcher Papers, N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Dec. 5. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Urged to exert himself to get the money due to New Jersey on account of the Canada expedition into his possession, and out of it to pay himself—does not think it proper for himself to meddle with it, altho' he had "a very severe time of it" to be constantly running into debt for his support. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 15. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Captain Dean—Acknowledges the receipt of an interesting history of that part of the Captain's life spent in the service of the Czar—his acquaintance with the present Mrs. Belcher commenced soon after his arrival in England—he left London May, 1747—she followed him the next year, and they were married on 9th Sept., 1748. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 24. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Dr. Doddridge, England—His religious hopes and intentions—regrets that he was not able to call upon the Doctor in May, 1744, when he was at the place of his residence—the entrance of Dr. Stonehouse into the Church of England—the New Jersey College making but slow progress—desire that the President Mr. Burr should receive a Doctor's degree from some institution abroad—had written to Mr. Dinwiddie at Glasgow on the subject. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 24. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Dinwiddie, Glasgow—Asks for his favor to be extended towards the Infant College—asks that the degree of D. D. may be conferred upon Rev'd Ebenezer Pemberton of New York, and Rev'd Aaron Burr of Newark, President of the College. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 31. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Samuel Nevill—Compliments him upon his course in relation to the commitment of William Waller for piracy, and securing 317 pieces of eight—had been told that the Jailor's wife had been bribed into Waller's escape—the Sheriff answerable—would lay the affair before the Council. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

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[Jan. 7. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Clinton—To meet the Assembly of the Province on the 23d, and would lay before them the propriety of joining in appointing Commissioners to meet the Six Nations of Indians at Albany in June. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Jan. 10. Proposals (presented to the Board of Trade by Mr. Sharpe) by the British sugar planters and merchants, for preventing

"the destructive trade," carried on by British North America to the Foreign Sugar Colonies. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 87. Draft. 10 folios.

Jan. 11. Memorial from Mr. Partridge to the Board of Trade, praying that Mr. William Morris may be appointed one of the Council of New Jersey, agreeable to the recommendation of Gov'r Belcher, in the room of Mr. John Coxe, suspended. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 72. Original. 2 folios.

Jan. 15. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing to remove Mr. John Coxe from the Council of New Jersey, and to appoint Mr. David Ogden in his place. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 349. Entry. 4 folios.

[Jan. 15. New York. Letter from Governor Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris, in London—Investments ordered in the "Old South Sea Annuities"—grief of Mrs. Clinton at the loss of Mrs. Roddam (wife of Cap't Roddam of the Navy)—is waiting for his leave of absence—does not wish Chief Justice DeLancey to be left in authority during his absence—desires Mr. Morris to think of his suggestion to obtain the office of Lieut. Gov'r until something better should offer. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Jan. 16. Letter from Mr. James Crockett to the Board of Trade, enclosing proposals for the encouragement of making pot, pearl, and all other wood or weed ashes in the Colonies in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 92. Orig'l. 36 folios.

[Jan. 29. Burlington. Governor Belcher's Message to the Council and Assembly. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 1. Burlington. Governor Belcher to his son Jonathan in Ireland—Correcting some false impressions relative to the emoluments of the Government of New Jersey—he was more than a thousand pounds sterling worse off than when he sailed from Boston for England in 1747—reproves his son for being too profuse, expecting too much assistance from him, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Feb. 1. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—The Assembly of New Jersey have met, but there is no hope of a provision for the support of the Govern't being made—Mr. Richard Smith, one of the Council, is dead, and Mr. Samuel Smith is recommended in his stead. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 79. Original. 4 folios.

[Feb. 1. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Duke of Bedford—Recommending Samuel Smith, one of the Treasurers of the Province, to be one of the Council in place of Richard Smith, deceased. Copy. Belcher Papers. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Samuel Smith, subsequently the author of the History of New Jersey.]

[Feb. 1. Burlington. Governor Belcher to the Lords of Trade —Agrees with their Lordships in thinking the refusal of the Assembly to pay the arrears of Governor Morris's salary injurious to his family, and disrespectful to His Majesty. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Feb. 2. Salem. Letter from Mr. Fraser, Col. of the Customs at Salem, to Mr. Secr. Hill, enclosing returns of the imports and exports for that port. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 81 & 82. Orig'l. Letter, 1 folio; Return, 66 folios: 67 folios.

[Feb. Draft of case for the Attorney and Solicitor General by Robert Hunter Morris, referring to the power of Governor Clinton of New York to appoint a Lieutenant Governor. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Feb. 8. London. Richard Partridge to Gov'r Belcher, informing him that Chief Justice Morris had interested himself to prevent the appointment of Wm. Morris as one of the Council of New Jersey—(Extract enclosed to Wm. Morris, May, 1751.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Minot—References to Rev'd Richard Cooper, who had preached twice at Amboy at his request—his opinion of him and his brother—there are similar references in a letter to Col. Brattle, under date of Jan. 8th, 1751. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 13. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Prince, Boston —Condolence on the loss of his son—thanks for a sermon of Mr. P. on the drought—more fitted for "a lecture among Pious Philosophers than to be preached to a promiscuous auditory"—thanks him for his kind intention towards the Infant College. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 20. Burlington. Governor Belcher's Message to the Assembly, in answer to their Address of the 14th. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 21. Burlington. Governor Belcher to the Assembly, in reference to complaints made by them relative to the improper exercise of the functions of Sheriff by John Riddle of Somerset, and John Deare of Middlesex—They had been laid before the Council, and acted on by that body. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 22. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to President Burr, Newark—March 28th named as the day for the provincial fast—Stephen Crane appointed second Judge of Essex County, and Cap't Nath'l Johnston "put into the commission of the peace." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 22. Burlington. Governor Belcher to the General Assembly—Urging them to the adoption of measures for the support of Government. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Feb. 25. Burlington. Proclamation of Gov'r Belcher for dissolving the Assembly of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 86. Broadside. 5 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, April 20th, 1751.

[Feb. 25. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Philip Kearny, Perth Amboy—Had dissolved the Assembly in consequence of their refusal to provide for the support of the Government—hopes that Mr. K. will come himself to the next Assembly, and exert himself to send good men from the Eastern Division. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

For notice of Philip Kearny, see "Contributions to East Jersey History;" and for a brief account of the actions of the Assembly at this session, see Gordon's Hist. New Jersey, pp. 111–113.]

[Feb. 28. London. Ferdinand John Paris to Robert Hunter Morris, in relation to the powers of Governor Clinton to appoint a Lieutenant Governor. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[March 19. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Woodruffe, Elizabethtown—Writes by his wife and daughter-in-law, who visit Elizabethtown to examine the house prepared for his residence, make inquiries, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

March 22. Whitehall. Order in Council directing Jonathan Belcher, Governor of New Jersey, to make certain alterations in the form of prayer for the Royal Family. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 97. Attested copy. 3 folios.

[March 24. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Judge Nevill—Acknowledging the receipt of a letter in answer to his of the 4th, and asking for an authenticated copy of the rule therein referred to, prohibiting the delivery of copies of indictments before the accused parties appeared and pleaded. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

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March 25. Memorial from Mr. Partridge to the Board of Trade, praying that Mr. Samuel Smith be recommended to the King to be appointed one of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. Richard Smith, deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 80. Original. 2 folios.

March 26. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending Mr. Lewis Ashfield to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. Richard Smith, deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 351. Entry. 1 folio.

March 27. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Belcher—The state of the Province of New Jersey was laid

before the Privy Council—Mr. Morris and Mr. Smith, whom Gov'r Belcher proposed to be of the Council, are found to have been well-wishers to the rioters, and for this reason not recommended to the Royal approbation. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 352. Entry. 4 folios.

[April 11. Philadelphia. Richard Peters to James Alexander—"The Hudson River Indians and those under them, viz., the several tribes of Jersey Indians, are acknowledged by the Six Nations to have a right to all the lands on the east side of Delaware, and that their sales are good"—acknowledges the receipt of the Proprietors' publications—"to me it appears that the Assembly do not consult the interest or reputation of the Province or their own characters for sense, manners, or justice." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[April 11. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Woodruffe, Elizabethtown—His wife approved of the situation of the house intended for their residence in Elizabethtown—Mr. W. to make it as commodious as the Governor could reasonably desire—the hope of better health alone would incline him to move. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Governor Popple—Introducing Rev'd Mr. Maltby, who was about to take charge of a Presbyterian Congregation in his Government. Belcher Papers.]

April 12. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secretary Hill to Gov'r Belcher—No Treasurer's accounts of New Jersey were transmitted since 1726—desire to have them sent to the Board, together with the Naval Officers' accounts for the year 1749. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 354. Entry. 2 folios.

April 20. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—The Assembly met, but did not grant any supplies—the Council and Assembly, during the session, "fell into indecencies"—the Assembly dissolved, and the writ is issued for calling a new one—one William Waller imprisoned for piracy, but escaped from jail—the Port Salem acc'ts sent. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 85. Original. 3 folios.

Enclosing proclamation for dissolving the Assembly of New Jersey, Feb. 25, 1751.

Similar letter of the same date was written to Secr. of State. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 88.

[April 20. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Duke of Bedford—Account of having dissolved the Assembly—had issued writs for a new Assembly to meet on 17th May—Mr. Waller, imprisoned in the jail at Perth Amboy for piracy, had escaped—317 dollars were in the Provincial Treasury awaiting the King's orders—(same as foregoing.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

April 30. St. James'. Order of Council appointing Mr. David Ogden to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. John Coxe, suspended. S. P O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 83. Copy. 5 folios.

April 30. St. James'. Order of Council appointing Mr. Lewis Ashfield to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. Richard Smith, deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 84. Copy. 2 folios.

[May 19–23. Fort George, New York. Letter from Governor Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris—Comments upon the opinion of the law officers upon his power to appoint a Lieut. Gov'r—intends to suspend De Lancey before he leaves, in order that the Government may devolve upon another Lieut. Gov'r or the President of the Council—alludes to the manner in which De Lancey had influenced the election—is expecting the receipt of his leave of absence—the neighboring colonies, "excepting Boston," had left New York "in the lurch" in the meeting (on Indian affairs) at Albany. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[May 21. Perth Amboy. Gov'r Belcher's Message to the Council and Assembly. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 22. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Richard Partridge —Surprised that a gentleman of Mr. Proprietor Penn's wisdom should be deceived by "the young man," (R. H. Morris,) whose father and himself were hated by almost every thinking man in the Province —"his base conduct" towards himself owing, he thought, to the difference between his administration and that of his father—Mr. P. to urge the appointment of Wm. Morris as one of the Council—to get some order from the Government that might induce the Assembly to provide for the supply of the Treasury—had not received any thing from the Province for nearly two years—glad to hear that he had received the New Jersey quota for the expenses incurred for the Canada expedition, amounting to £2231 18s. 4d. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Robert Hunter Morris, in 1754, was appointed Deputy Governor of Pennsylvania.]

[May 24. Perth Amboy. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. (William) Morris—Advising him to come to Amboy to consult upon measures to frustrate the ill effects of Chief Justice Morris's hostility in England against Mr. M. (See 1751, Feb. 8.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 1. Perth Amboy. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. (John) Smith (of Phil'a)—Comments on the course of R. H. Morris in England, and the abuse received by him from John Coxe of Trenton, whom he had suspended from the Council—the session of the Assembly, so far, harmonious. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 1. Perth Amboy. Gov'r Belcher to Earl of Halifax—Urging the confirmation of his nomination of Wm. Morris to be one of the Council, and commenting upon the course of Chief Justice Morris—the Assembly then in session, and rather better harmony prevailing between the two Houses. Belcher Papers.]

Enclosed in letter to Dr. Doddridge, 1751, June 3.

[June 3. Perth Amboy. Governor Belcher to Dr. Doddridge—Encloses to him a letter for the Earl of Halifax, (see June 1st,) which he wishes him to deliver in person—feels clear in his conscience from all the charges that can be, or may have been, presented against him for mal-administration. Belcher Papers.]

[June 3. Perth Amboy. Governor Belcher to Richard Partridge—Encloses to him a letter for Dr. Doddridge, covering one for Earl of Halifax (see 1751, June 1 & 3)—Dr. D. has great interest with the Earl—Mr. Partridge to go to North Hampton to see him in person—thinks it high time they were defending themselves "against the false and malicious insinuations of the subtle young man at present on his side of the water"—thinks he will do his utmost to prevent a mandamus being granted to Samuel Smith. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 6. Perth Amboy. Governor Belcher to the Council and Assembly—Transmitting a copy of a letter from the Duke of Bedford, informing him of the death of the Prince of Wales on 20th March, 1751, and suggesting an address of condolence to the King. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 7. Perth Amboy. Governor Belcher to the Duke of Bedford—Acknowledges the receipt of a copy of the Treaty with Spain, signed 5th October preceding, which he had had published in one of the papers of Pennsylvania for the better information of the people of New Jersey—circumstances connected with the shipwreck of a Spanish vessel on the coast of North Carolina, and the subsequent stranding of one of the vessels, on board of which part of the cargo was placed—the 317 dollars mentioned in a former despatch (see 1751, April 20th) presumed to have come from that vessel, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Same as the following letter.

June 7. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Secr. of State—The Treaty with Spain received, and ordered to be published in one of the public prints in Pennsylvania—the affair of Don Manuel de Bouila shall be attended to—317 dollars were seized, supposed to belong to the said Don Manuel, and are now in the Treasury of New Jersey—it was reported that the ship which escaped with D. Manuel's 55 chests of dollars arrived at the island of St. Thomas, and there put himself under the protection of the Danish Government.

S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 124. Original. 4 folios.

[Presumed to be the same as the foregoing.]

June 8. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secretary of State.—The intelligence of the death of the Prince of Wales received—the Legislature of New Jersey send their Address of Condolence to the King, which Address Mr. Partridge, their agent, will deliver. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 153. Original. 2 folios.

[June 8. Perth Amboy. Gov'r Belcher to Admiral Sir Peter Warren—Hardships attending his administration of the affairs of New Jersey—although the Council and Assembly had quarrelled, he had managed to keep himself "out of the scrape," and stood well with both Houses—nearly 70 years of age, and "if God and the King please, should be glad to die Gov'r of New Jersey"—refers to an intention of Sir Peter Warren to purchase land in New Jersey—Mr. Thomas's interest in Trenton had been purchased by Robert Lettice Hooper for £2900 sterling—thought a good sale. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 8. Perth Amboy. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—The Assembly and Council had agreed to a quota bill to which he had assented, and the session had closed the day before—ten new members in the Assembly, but there were fourteen others disposed "to ruffle and disquiet things"—thinks that matters are assuming a more pacific character. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 16. New York. John Ayscough, Secretary to Gov'r Clinton, to Robert Hunter Morris—The Governor in a dilemma—his leave of absence not arrived—his presence towards the end of the month required at a meeting of Commissioners at Albany, to consult upon Indian affairs—Capt. Roddam, with whom he wished to sail, had received peremptory orders from the Admiralty—the Governor had determined to go to Albany, and to request Capt. Roddam to remain until his return—another reason for his delay—the arrival of Hon. Wm. Ball from South Carolina, with six Catawba Indians on the way to Albany—exertions to be made to save Capt. Roddam from censure. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 16. John Ayscough to Robert Hunter Morris—Duplicate of the foregoing, with a postscript—rumours received of the appointment of Sir Peter Warren as Governor of New York. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 20. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Clinton—Regrets that the Assembly of New Jersey did not think proper to cooperate in the intended interview with the Six Nations—had been applied to for a Protestant Missionary to be sent among the Susquehannah Indians, who would receive him could they get the permission of their "fathers" the Mohawks—suggests to Gov'r C. the

propriety of mentioning the matter to them during the conference. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[For the Minutes of the Conference with the Indians at Albany the ensuing month, see N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 717.]

[June 20. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to the Commissioners for treating with the Six Nations at Albany—In reference to the establishing of a missionary among the Susquehannah Indians—Mr. John Brainard, brother to the late David Brainard, willing to embark in the undertaking. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 20. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Isaac Conover, Trenton—Notifying him of his intention of quitting his house by the last week in October, being about to remove his residence to Elizabethtown. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 27. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Rev'd Wm. Tennent —His wife had received a present of books from London for distribution among proper objects of charity in the Church of England—she wishes his "brother Thompson" would take the trouble of attending to it for her. Belcher Papers.

"Brother Thompson" is presumed to have been the Rev. Thomas Thompson, Missionary from the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Monmouth County from 1745 to the autumn of this year 1751, and subsequently Missionary in Africa. He published "an account of two Missionary voyages—the one to New Jersey, in North America, the other from America to the Coast of Guinea, 1758."]

[July 1. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to the Duke of Bedford—Account of the proceedings of the recent meeting of the Assembly. Belcher Papers.]

[July 1. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—The new Assembly met, and have got over two contested points, viz: they passed two Acts—"The way and manner of raising money for the support of the Government," and "For paying the arrears of Govern't for two years past"—four other Acts and some public papers transmitted—observations upon the Acts. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 88. Original. 5 folios.

[Presumed the same as the one above noticed.]

[July 2. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Lord Hardwicke—Although the then present Assembly was better than the last, suggests an order from the Crown directing the passage of an Act for the suppression of rioting as likely to do good. Copy. Belcher Papers.

[July 3. Governor Belcher to Richard Partridge—Relating to Provincial affairs requiring his attention. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

July 4. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Hill to Mr. Lamb—Desiring his opinion, in point of law, upon six Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed there in Dec., 1748, four other in March, 1749, and a Militia Act passed in Feb. last. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 355. Entry. 6 folios.

July 9. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in the American Plantations—Enclosing three Acts of Parliament passed in the last session, viz—" An Act to continue premiums upon the importation of masts, &c;" " An Act to regulate and restrain paper bills of credit, &c.;" " An Act for encouraging making potashes and pearlashes, &c." S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 179. Entry. 3 folios.

[July 10. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Colonel Brattle—Thanks for his attention in advising him relative to his tremulousness—the Legislature could not be persuaded to do any thing for the College—the Trustees had determined to send the Rev'd Ebenezer Pemberton, of New York, to solicit donations on " the other side of the water"—the " extraordinary gifts" of President Burr. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 16–17. Minutes of Court of Common Pleas for the County of Middlesex, held at Perth Amboy, July term, 1751. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

July 30. Whitehall. Order of Council directing the Board of Trade to prepare instructions for the Gov'r of New Jersey, in accordance with their report upon the state of affairs of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 87. Orig'l. 9 folios.

[Aug. 1. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew Mr. Oliver —Had seldom seen any good result from the dissolution of Assemblies, but his recent experience had been favorable—he was not without fears, however, but that there would continue to be some bickerings between the Council and Assembly. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 3. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to President Burr—Hears that Mr. Pemberton intends to embark for London on his return from a trip to Boston (see July 10, 1751)—the Assembly to meet on the 4th September, so that he would not be able to attend the Commencement—thinks that " Princetown" the best place for the location of the College—New Brunswick had been mentioned. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Aug. 5. Memorial from Mr. Partridge, agent for the Province of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade—Presenting several testimonials in favor of Mr. William Morris, who was recommended by Gov'r Belcher to be of the Council of New Jersey, but set aside, and another gentleman appointed—desiring to know the grounds of objection, and praying to nominate the said Mr. W. Morris to the next vacaney in the said Council. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6. Original, 2 folios; Enclosures, 14 folios: 16 folios.

[Aug. 6. List of the Lords of His Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council present at the Committee when the affairs of New York were considered. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Aug. Captain Henry Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris, relating to the measures taken to prejudice his father's interests. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Aug. London. Draft of a letter from Robert Hunter Morris to Lord Lincoln—Desiring his influence to prevent the appointment of another Governor for New York—Customary for Governors to visit and reside in England, and still retain their offices, as the Governor of Virginia, Hunter of New Jersey, and Shirley of Massachusetts. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Aug. 8. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Lords of Trade—Their Lordships had been deceived, if made to believe that Messrs. Morris and Smith, recommended for the Council, were friendly to the rioters—considers it both "unkind and unjust" to make any animadversions upon his course in nominating those gentlemen—the rejection of three gentlemen nominated by him not the best method of "cementing union and harmony between the Governor and the Council"—he understands that their Lordships had recommended to the King Mr. (David) Ogden and Mr. (Lewis Morris) Ashfield, both of the Eastern Division, altho' the vacancies were in the number, of right, to be appointed from the Western Division—had he done so, he would have been justly censurable, as his instructions required him to have six from each division—by the course pursued by their Lordships, there would be ten Councillors from the Eastern, and only two from the Western Division—believing that some malevolent person has been misrepresenting him—asks to have him made known, that he may have an opportunity to vindicate his honour—it was what their Lordships would expect. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Aug. 8. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of the Board's letter of the 27th of March last, and is surprised to find so foul an accusation brought against Mr. Morris and Mr. Smith as being favorers of the rioters—the Governor's recommendation ought to go before any other—the Council now is ill-appointed—his character and reputation are as dear to him as they can be to any other gentleman. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 95. Original. 9 folios.

[Same as foregoing.]

Aug. 10. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State—The Board of Trade have lately rejected his nomination for filling up vacancies of Councillors in the Western Division of New Jersey, and have recommended others, supposed to have been named by young Mr. Morris, which is an infraction upon the Constitution and upon Royal orders—this step may blow up a great flame, and give the King's Ministers great trouble—Mr. Partridge will lay the matter before the Secr. of State more fully. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 192. Original. 4 folios.

[Copy of this in Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 14. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Mr. Secretary Hill—In answer to an application for the accounts of the New Jersey Treasury since 1726, none having been received by the Lords of Trade since that year, and also Naval Officers' reports since 1749—promising their transmission as far as may be practicable. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 16. Burlington. Governor Belcher to Mr. Chamberlayne—All reports of his neglect in writing to the Duke of Bedford or to the Lords of Trade unfounded, and attributed to R. H. Morris—inquiries relative to one John Waller, who had represented himself as once a journeyman of Mr. C.'s. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Aug. 17. Perth Amboy. Bill of indictment found against Lewis Morris Ashfield, Esq., at a Supreme Court of Judicature, held at Perth Amboy, in the county of Middlesex, in New Jersey, for "damning the King's laws," swearing in a profane manner, and other riotous behaviour. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 97. Copy. 5 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, Oct. 21, 1751.

[Aug. 18–23. Flatbush. Letter from Governor Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris—Sir Peter Warren—the rumour of his appointment to be Governor—its origin—had appointed Mr. Chambers second Judge, in place of Mr. Philips, deceased, and recommended him as a Councillor, in place of Stephen Bayard (see N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. pp. 727–28)—the dissatisfaction of De Lancey—had insisted upon the confirmation of Horsmanden's suspension—wanted Brant Schuyler to succeed him—repented not having gone to England with Cap't Roddam—Duke of Newcastle prejudiced against him—Morris having succeeded in getting his nephew Ashfield and Ogden appointed Councillors in New Jersey, it had refuted the stories of one Wraxall, that he was without influence in England—Morris, "tho' not capable of biting, shows his teeth"—Murray's course in relation to an Indian boy—his insolence—a desire expressed to bring him "a peg lower"—Mr. Bradley Att. General, dead—Mr. Smith appointed in his place—disappointment of De Lancey—was at Flatbush with his family, living as merrily as possible. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Aug. 20. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—David Ogden and Lewis Morris Ashfield, recommended as Councillors by the Board of Trade, said to be tools of James Alexander and Rob't H. Morris—surprised that Partridge had not remonstrated to the Secretary of State in his behalf—fearful that the course of the Lords of Trade will excite further confusion in the Province. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 22. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Lubly—Relative to a Professorship of the Dutch language in the College—No funds

applicable to the purpose—suggests raising money in Germany for the College, with the view of carrying out his views, uniting Missionary services among the Dutch with the Professorship. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 28. Elizabethtown. Jonathan Hampton to James Alexander—Gives an account of the public reading of the answer of the Elizabethtown people to the Proprietors' Bill in Chancery, which he had heard the day before—comments upon the reflections upon the character of himself and father which it contained (see printed Answer, p. 42)—two boats had been sent to Burlington for Gov'r Belcher's goods—prays "the Lord may send his habeas corpus and discharge our borough of such a heavy load of honour, as our people call it—to have a numerous train of Bostonians whining, praying and canting continually about our streets, from such evils deliver us." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[About Sept. 1. Draft of a letter from from Mr. Catherwood to Lord Lincoln—Recommending Mr. Morris as Lieut. Gov'r of New York—letter partly drafted by Mr. Morris himself. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Sept. 3. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Sends him an indictment which had been found against Lewis Morris Ashfield at the last term of the Supreme Court—did not think that Ashfield would present his mandamus as Councillor before the indictment should be tried, which would not be before March—should he do so, he would not admit him to a seat, and would give the indictment as a reason. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 5. Draft of a letter from Robert Hunter Morris to Lord Lincoln—Governor Clinton had not arrived—as Lord L. had proposed his appointment as Lieut. Gov'r of New York, wishes the matter acted on, and he would immediately leave for New York. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Sept. 10. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Hazard, Burlington—Sent by Mr. Hatfield, who had come from Elizabethtown, to assist in getting his furniture removed thither—wants another sloop of about 30 or 40 tons to complete the matter. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. (10.) Gov'r Belcher to the Council and Assembly—Message on the opening of the session. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 12. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. James (New York?)—Sends for some dry goods, and "you will not forget a Dutch girl for my wife"—engaged in putting his clothing and furniture on board of three small sloops to take them round to Elizabethtown—wishes to know what the insurance would be on the vessels. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 14–17. New York. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris—Refers to changes in the Ministry—letter from the Duke of Bedford to him exhibits "spite"—Col. Roberts had written that he was to have an appointment from Lord Halifax—Roberts likely to favor De Lancey with the Duke of Newcastle—regrets not having sailed with Roddam. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Sept. 16. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Bartram, botanist—Thinks a bill of Mr. B.'s exorbitant—"£5 this currency an ample satisfaction for your collecting out of the woods what I desired"—"Dukes and such great men might play with their money as they chose." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 19. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Woodruff, Elizabethtown—The men "with the coach and the cows, and the three sloops, with what they have on board," to leave that day—his daughter (Mrs. Elizabeth Teale,) would soon be in Elizabethtown to assist in unpacking—(she left Burlington Sept. 23d.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Sept. 24. Burlington. Message from Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Lewis Morris Ashfield, relating to his unfitness to be admitted to sit at the Council of New Jersey, owing to the bill of indictment found against him for "damning the King's laws." S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 98. Copy. 2 folios.

[A copy of this in Belcher Papers.] Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, Oct. 21, 1751.

Sept. Perth Amboy. Five affidavits to the effect that Mr. Lewis Morris Ashfield "damned the King's laws," and spoke disrespectfully about the Governor and his Council—(presented to the Board of Trade by Mr. Morris,) [more probably by Mr. Partridge.] S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 101. Copies. 18 folios.

[Sept. 24. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. James, N. York—"My wife thinks the girl very dear," (see 1751, Sept. 12)—Sam'l Smith had bought one for her the year before 15 years old for 6 years, for £15—his wife, however, had so good an opinion of his judgment that she desired the girl to be sent. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 24. Flatbush. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris—Acknowledging the receipt of letters, &c.,—had received visit from the Alexanders, Kennedy, and "abundance of friends,"—encloses part of a New York Evening Post, containing an article upon De Lancey. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Sept. 26. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris—Intelligence had been received that he had been appointed Lieut. Gov'r, but no letters having come to hand, doubts it. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Sept. 30. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Dr. Cadwallader—"The ingenious Mr. Franklin, who is a connessieur" in such matters, having recommended "electrification" for his paralytic disorder, (tremulousness,) proposed to visit Burlington in person, and bring his apparatus with him, he asks Dr. C.'s advice as to the propriety of the application. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 2. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to President Burr—Mortified to hear that Mr. Pemberton's projected visit to Great Britain, on account of the College, had fallen through—suggests that President Burr should go himself—"if the fear of the small pox is not too great an obstacle"—desires him to "pillow this matter," and let him have his answer. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[The small pox in England had been particularly fatal, and Americans had suffered greatly from that and other diseases. Dr. Chandler in his "Appeal to the Public in Behalf of the Church of England," p. 39, asserts that one-fifth of all who had gone to England for ordination up to 1767, had died, or been lost at sea.]

[Oct. 7. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Dr. Cadwallader—Relating to the projected trial of electricity for his palsy symptoms—wishes Dr. McGraw, then in Philadelphia, to be consulted—concluded to try electricity—would be 70 years old the next 8th January—commonly drank, "besides water and small beer, about half a bottle of old Madeira a day." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 7. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Benj. Franklin, Philadelphia—Thanking him for his offer to visit Burlington, for the purpose of trying the effect of electricity upon him to relieve his tremulousness. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Oct. 12. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Secr. Hill—Acknowledges the receipt of the three Acts of Parliament, sent him 12th (qr. 9th,) July last—desires to have copy of an Act of Parliament for altering the present "*Stile*" in all writings. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey Vol. 7, H. 1. Original. 1 folio.

[Oct. 14. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Urging him to be strenuous in his exertions to rescue the character of Wm. Morris and Samuel Smith from the injurious insinuations of R. H. Morris—notices the report of the appointment of a Lieut. Gov'r for New York—"much good may he do them, and I hope this Province may be quit of the plague of him" (Robert Hunter Morris)—the Assembly had been sitting about a month—very uncertain whether they would pass the bill providing for the Government,—expected to be in his house in Elizabethtown in about a month. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct, 17. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Woodruff, Elizabethtown—Regrets to learn that one of the vessels, laden with his effects, had carried the small pox to Elizabethtown—hopes that it may not spread. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Oct. 21. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Mr. Lewis Morris Ashfield was refused admittance to sit in the Council of New Jersey, as the King's Attorney General laid before the Governor a bill of indictment against him "for damning the King's law"—Mr. Ashfield declined pleading, and called "the King's Governor" to an account for his conduct in not admitting him to sit at the Board—[depends on their Lordships' approbation, or otherwise "Government must be turned Topsy Turvy, and Anarchy and Confusion must Insue."] S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 96. Original. 6 folios.

[A copy of this in Belcher Papers.] Enclosing Bill of Indictment against Mr. Ashfield, Aug. 17, 1751, and Gov'r Belcher's Message to Mr. Ashfield, Sept. 24, 1751.

[Oct. 22. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to the General Assembly —Their course in sending a bill to him which had been before the Council, and returned to them with amendments, &c., irregular. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Oct. 22. Burlington. Extract of a letter from Mr. James Alexander to Mr. Robert Hunter Morris, giving an account of the proceedings of the Assembly of New Jersey, with respect to the support bill, and in Ashfield and Ogden affairs—the petitions were sent to the Assembly in favor of Wm. Harris and Samuel Smith, and against Ashfield and Ogden, signed by about 400 names, mostly the leading rioters, and by Morris and Smith themselves—observations upon the said petitions. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 107. Copy. 26 folios.

[Oct. 23. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Encloses a copy of his "reprimand" of the Council (see the following)—the Assembly had that day adjourned after a session of six weeks, without making any provision for the support of the Government. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 23. Burlington. Gov'r Belcher to the Council—Censuring them for their course in relation to Lewis Morris Ashfield—it was "an unwarrantable freedom"—greatly surprised that they should be so "Extreamly fond of power and void of good manners, in Assuming to yourselves to intermeddle w'th matters wh'h is quite out of y'r Province and jurisdiction." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Oct. 23. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Committee of Council, enclosing draft of additional instructions for the Governor of New Jersey, agreeable to the directions contained in the Order of Council, of the 30th of July last. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 350. Entry. 13 folios.

Nov. 2. Deposition of Samuel Tucker, Jr., made before Richard Saltar, Esq., one of the Council of New Jersey, as to the character of Mr. Wm. Morris, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas

for the County of Huntingdon, giving several instances of his dishonest practices (presented to the B. T. by Mr. Morris.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 102. Copy. 14 folios.

[Nov. 4. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Benj. Franklin—Regrets that Mr. F.'s engagements had prevented his coming to Burlington with his electrical machine—thanks him for an offer of his machine with directions for its use, which he would be glad to have sent to him. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 4. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Andrew Johnston, Treasurer—Had arrived at Elizabethtown on 1st inst.,—"heart whole, tho' money-less"—wishes him to remove the difficulty as soon as he can. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 4. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Judge Nevill—Enquiring whether the refusal of Thomas Barton to furnish him with a copy of the indictment of Lewis M. Ashfield, was warranted by law or by any rule of Court. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Nov. 4. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Secr. of State Lord Holdernesse—Congratulates his Lordship on his appointment as Principal Secr. of State—on account of the unhealthy situation of Burlington he removed to Elizabethtown—the readiest conveyance of despatches to New Jersey will be by ships from London to New York—Mr. Partridge, Gov'r Belcher's brother, transacts all his business at home. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 193. Original. 4 folios.

Nov. 4. Bellville, N. J. Certificate of Joseph Warrell, Esq., the Att. Gen'l of New Jersey, to the effect that Mr. Samuel Tucker (see 1751, Nov. 2, Dep. of Samuel Tucker) is a man of good understanding, of probity and veracity. (Presented to the B. T. by Mr. Morris.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 103. Original. 2 folios.

[Nov. 11. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Did not begrudge or envy the new Lieut. Gov'r of New York his appointment—Partridge right in using his best endeavours to prevent the Lord Chancellor's being influenced by his (Morris's) intermeddling with the affairs of New Jersey—care to be taken to have his nominations for the Council confirmed—desirable that some then in office should be removed—while so many of them continued to be such large landed Proprietors, he expected nothing but confusion in the Government. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 18. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Benj. Franklin, Phila.—Wishes his electrical apparatus to be sent to Mr. Samuel Smith, at Burlington, with the request that he would forward it to Mr. John Deare, at Amboy. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 18. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Judge Wm. Mor-

ris—Enquiring into the circumstances of an altercation between his son Wm. Morris, Jr., and Lewis Morris Ashfield, which had occurred during the sitting of the Supreme Court at Burlington. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Nov. 21. Trenton, N. J. Affirmation of Mr. Wm. Morris, Jr., of Trenton, in the County of Hunterdon, in New Jersey, Attorney at Law, (a Quaker by persuasion,) respecting Mr. Lewis Morris Ashfield's rude treatment of the King's Governor—(a very amusing narrative of Mr. Ashfield's violent conduct, with regard to Mr. Morris himself, as well as with regard to the volley of abuses heaped by him upon the Governor—told in a style of simplicity peculiar to the members of the Society of Friends.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 14. Copy. 5 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, Sept. 15, 1752.

Nov. (21.) New Jersey. Recognizance of Mr. Lewis Morris Ashfield, (himself in fifty pounds, and Mr. John Coxe in twenty-five pounds proclamation money,) to keep the peace, and to appear at the next Supreme Court of Judicature, to be held at the City of Perth Amboy, to answer to such matters as shall be objected against him by Wm. Morris, Jr. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 15. Copy. 2 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, Sept. 15, 1752.

[Nov. 25. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Judge Wm. Morris—Relative to the altercation between Judge Morris's son and L. M. Ashfield—affidavits to be obtained—condoles with him on the death of Richard Smith. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 25. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Benj. Franklin, Phila.—Thanks him for the promised visit from the electrical machine—for a copy of "Mr. Peters Ingenious Sermon upon the Education of Youth * * * the Christian, the Divine, and the Polite Gentleman being toucht thro' the whole discourse in an easy, handsome manner"—and for his idea of an English school. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 26. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris—Had dissolved the Assembly—high time they were "sent about their business"—refers to some of their acts—Chief Justice De Lancey and others plotting against Mr. Morris, to prevent his being appointed Lieut. Governor—Wraxall, the "little dirty dog" going home—his son, Henry Clinton, had purchased a commission as Lieutenant of the Guards for £1250; £900 the highest ever paid—encloses the Post Boy containing the Assembly's address. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Nov. 28. New York. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Robert

Hunter Morris—Rumors put in circulation by Oliver De Lancey, of the death of the Duke of Newcastle, and the termination of the Pelham interest, &c., to affect the elections. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Dec. 2. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Att'y General Warrell—Pleased with his course to obtain testimony adverse to L. M. Ashfield, in the matter of the altercation with Wm. Morris, Jr.,—the whole matter should be kept "a dead secret" at least till after Christmas. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 3. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lord Chancellor Hardwicke—Repelling the accusation that he had in any way shown any favor to the rioters—Gov'r Morris during the whole of his administration had not been able to quell the disturbances, and had not been blamed by the Ministers—it was "very hard" that he should be so unjustly rebuked for their continuance—had used his best exertions to harmonize matters between the Council and Assembly—exonerates Mr. Partridge from having encouraged the rioters—complains of the slight shown him by not confirming his nominations for the Council—the impropriety of the appointment of L. M. Ashfield—proposes a Commission of Inquiry into the affairs of the Province, and proposes James De Lancey, Chief Justice of New York, Thos. Fitch, Dep. Gov'r and First Judge of Connecticut, and Richard Salstonstall, First Judge of Mass., as proper persons to compose the Commission—would be pleased to send his Lordship some plants—apologizes for his prolixity, and adds a postscript of half a page, to say that R. H. Morris's insinuations about his keeping open the differences between the Council and Assembly were base, silly and false. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Reminds him of his advice two years before, not in any way to be concerned for the rioters—encloses to him the foregoing letter from him to Lord Hardwicke, to be read, then sealed and delivered—Satan would not have been called the Father of Lies, had he never wandered farther from the truth than when he said "Skin for skin, and all that a man has will he give for his life"—regard for his life had alone actuated him in removing from Burlington—no evil likely to result from his removal in consequence of Elizabethtown not being the capital of either Province. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Dec. 7. Extract of a letter from Mr. James Alexander to Mr. Robert Hunter Morris, containing observations upon some parts of the Minutes of Assembly of New Jersey, relative to the state of the Council of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 108. Copy. 12 folios.

Dec. 10. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris—Sends copy of letter to him from Cadwallader Colden, dated Nov. 28th—comments upon the agent, Mr. Charles—regrets that Lord

Granville opposed Mr. Morris's appointment—thinks it the underhand work of Sir Peter Warren, through Admiral Rowley—Rowley's obligations to him (Gov'r C.,)—should Mr. Morris not succeed, hopes he will advocate the appointment of Dr. Colden—does not wish to have to suspend De Lancey—refers to some action of the Assembly in reference to his leaving the Colony. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Dec. 12. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Secr. of State Lord Holdernesse—Transmits Journals of Council and Assembly, and eight several Acts passed in N. Jersey in Sept. and Oct. last—the Council and Assembly are still at variance—no money in the Public Treasury—the Governor and officers were not paid for the last two years and a half—the orders from the King to put a stop to the riots are eagerly expected. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 194. Original. 5 folios.

Dec. 12. Elizabethtown, N. J. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Mr. Lewis Morris Ashfield is to have his trial upon the indictment in March next—the indecent manner in which the Council treated the Governor in the Ashfield affair—Ashfield called the Governor "a damned rascal"—Mr. Ogden presented his mandamus, but not sworn in yet—the Council and Assembly are continually at variance about the bill for raising a tax—no money in the Treasury—the Governor and officers have not been paid for the last two years—sends several public papers—the seat of Government removed to Elizabethtown, the situation of Burlington being unhealthy. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 2. Original. 12 folios.

[A copy of this in the Belcher Papers. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Dec. 16. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Exertions to be used to have Ashfield set aside and Wm. Morris recognized as a Councillor. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 18. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Repeating his cautions against Partridge's having any thing to do with the rioters—would take care to make known to the Assembly how basely he (P.) had been treated by the Council. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 18. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lord Halifax—Cautioning him against any endeavors on the part of R. H. Morris to palliate his nephew's (L. M. Ashfield) "bold and impudent misconduct." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 18. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Benj. Franklin—Had received the electrical apparatus, but on opening the box "the glass globe was broke all to pieces"—"a great misfortune to me in the delay of what I desired to be done"—had tried to get another in New York without success—asks where one can be obtained. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Dec. 19. Extract of a letter from Mr. James Alexander to Mr. Hobert Hunter Morris, containing remarks upon the Gov'r Belcher's conduct in appointing several officers in the Province of New Jersey without the advice of the Council. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 109. Copy. 2 folios.

[Dec. 23. New York. John Ayscough (Gov'r Clinton's Secretary) to Robert Hunter Morris—Governor Clinton had been ill—still unable to write—Mr. Catherwood to consult with Mr. Morris about "Wraxall's affair"—matters of difference with Lord Holdernesse in relation to an appointment of Town Clerk for Albany—"C(hief) J(ustice) Billy Walton, Oliver (De Lancey) and H. Cruger," had met to propose representatives—Walton would have thrown a bottle at the Chief Justice had he not been prevented—H. Cruger told the Chief Justice that he took leave both of him and politics. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

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Jan. 10. Lincoln's Inn. Report of Mr. Lamb to the Board of Trade in favour of four Acts of New Jersey, passed there in March, 1749, and one Act in February, 1750. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 43. Original. 2 folios.

[Jan. 18. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Brattle, Massachusetts—The electrical experiment which he had tried "over and again" had not resulted in any benefit, but he intended to persevere—Mr. Pemberton had not been able to go to Scotland on account of the opposition made by his people in New York, a great disadvantage to the College, as their friends in Scotland were expecting some such agent to visit them on behalf of the Institution—believes it would have been salutary to the Colonies had the Act of Parliament "entirely damned all paper currency" in America. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Jan. 20. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Benj. Franklin—Had made some use of the rest of the (electrical) apparatus," (see Dec. 18, 1751,) with Mr. Burr's assistance, several times without any alteration in the state of his nervous system—Mr. Burr having a similar apparatus, and allowed him to use it, he returned Mr. F.'s "with a great many thanks * *—very sorry for the mischance it met with." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Jan. 21. Whitehall. Order of Council directing the Board of Trade to prepare drafts of additional instructions to the Governors of all Plantations in America, requiring them to cause all the old laws to be revised, and in lieu thereof to form a body of new laws; also additional instructions to the Governors of the Proprietary and Charter Governments to transmit authentic copies of all their laws now in force. Copy. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 102. Original. 7 folios.

[Jan. 21. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. John Alford,

Massachusetts—Thanks him for the generous and noble example he had set in heading a subscription for the College. Copy. Belcher Papers.

A donation of £100. See Stearn's First Church in Newark, pages 186, 188—*Note.*]

[Jan. 21. Governor Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris—Mr. Chambers to run against Oliver De Lancey—prospects of the election in different counties. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Jan. 23. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Wm. Smith, New York—Acknowledges the receipt of "two of Parker's paper," containing a speech which he had thought a genuine production of a Creek Indian, and intended to send copies to England—learns from Mr. S. that its author was Wm. Livingston. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Jan. 24. Appointment of John Chambers to be one of the Council of New York, in the room of Stephen Bayard. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Jan. 28. Perth Amboy. Gov'r Belcher's Message to the Council and Assembly on opening the session. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Jan. 30. London. Letter from Mr. Rob't Hunter Morris to the Board of Trade—The state of the Council and Assembly of New Jersey—causes of disagreement between them. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 99. Original. 20 folios.

Feb. 4. Memorial of Mr. Partridge to the Board of Trade, relating to the state of the Council of New Jersey in proportion to both divisions of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 6, G. 94. Rough draft. 10 folios.

[Feb. 12. Perth Amboy. Message from Governor Belcher to the Council and Assembly on the adjournment—Thanking them for the alacrity and despatch they had exhibited, and for the support of the Government which they had provided. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 14. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew Mr. Foye, Mass'ts—The General Assembly just terminated, the most peaceable and comfortable that had been held since he had been in the Province—had provided for the support of Government, after having made him live nearly three years by running in debt. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 17. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to President Burr—Refers to a conversation had with him at Perth Amboy, relative to certain exercises which the President had countenanced in the College, which he was fearful might "take a wrong turn in the world," (not particularly specified,) and might be considered by those inimi-

cal to them, "in some sort, a prostitution of our little daughter, of whose reputation and character we must be as tender as Cæsar was of his wife's." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 17. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Judge Nevill—Desiring him to issue a special search warrant to be used for discovering counterfeiters' tools in the North Valley, in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County—two men, Joseph Hornbaker and James Tulford, having been arrested at Elizabethtown for passing counterfeit dollars. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Feb. 19. Letter from Governor Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris—Exertions to be used to have Mr. Smith confirmed in the offices of Att. and Advocate General in England—great encouragement would be given the faction should he be debarred the privilege of nominating civil officers—an application to be made to Mr. Pelham for the payment of Col. Johnson's salary out of the quit rents—determined to suspend Chief Justice De Lancey before leaving for England, but was in doubt how to do it—Captain Cosby had orders to carry him home—desires an account of Catherwood's investments on his account—had £8000 thus invested—election over—strong opposition every where. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Feb. 25. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Clinton—Introducing two Mohawk Indians, who represented themselves as having come from a great distance to wait upon him—having no interpreter, he could not fully understand the object of their visit. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

March 7. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—The Assembly of New Jersey met at Perth Amboy, and pretty unanimously passed an Act for the support of Government, and for the payment of public debts to the 21st of Nov. next—the public papers are to be sent by the next conveyance. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 3. Original. 2 folios.

Similar letter, and of the same date, was written to the Secr. of State—[copy in Belcher Papers.] See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 204.

March 11. St. James'. Order of Council directing the Board of Trade to prepare additional instructions to the Governors in America, that they do for the future transmit particular accounts of their proceedings in their respective Governments to the Board of Trade only. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 105. Original. 12 folios.

March 11. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing draft of additional instructions for the Governors of the Colonies and Plantations in America as to their more accurate transmitting accounts of all their proceedings, and of the condition of affairs within their respective Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 286. Entry. 9 folios.

March 12. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Privy Council, with a draft of instructions to the Governors in America, directing them, jointly with the Councils and Assemblies, to revise the laws now in force in each Province, and in lieu thereof, to frame and pass a new and well-digested body of laws, taking care that a clause be inserted in each law to prevent its taking effect, until His Majesty's pleasure can be known. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 291. Entry. 11 folios.

March 12. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Privy Council, complaining of the improper publication made by the Assembly of New Jersey of their Lordships' Order issued in consequence of the Board's report of the 1st of June, 1750, upon the affairs of that Province, as also that the said Assembly make a claim to exclude Council from making any amendments to money bills. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 365. Entry. 15 folios.

March 13. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America, enclosing copy of an Order of Council of the 11th instant, containing regulations and the conduct of the Governors and other officers there. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 306. Entry. 2 folios.

[March 11–14. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris—The faction had carried their point in most places—expects the Assembly will be impudent—he will "soon send them about their business"—had only received two letters from the new Secretary of State, and both of them removed friends to make room for enemies—Smith not allowed to retain the office of Attorney General—pleased at the idea of having his power to appoint Chief Justice De Lancey (which he had done) called in question—Capt. Cosby would not be ready to leave before June—refers to the prorogation of the Assembly—displeased with Catherwood's letters. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[March 14. Duplicate of letter from Governor Clinton to Robt. Hunter Morris, with postscript—Desires letters during his absence to be directed to the President of the Council—had been advised not to meet the Assembly, the spreading of the small-pox sufficient excuse—had prorogued them until April 20th. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

March 17. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secretary Hill to Mr. Lamb, desiring his opinion, in point of law, upon several Acts passed by the Assembly of New Jersey in June and October, 1751. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 371. Entry. 6 folios.

[March 20. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to William Pear tree Smith, New York—Introducing his son-in-law, James Teale, and wife, who were to sail for London with Capt. Bryant. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[March 22. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Judge Wm. Morris, expressing his surprise that his son had not obtained some available testimony from Salem, relating to his altercation with L. M. Ashfield. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[March 24. Perth Amboy. James Alexander to R. H. Morris, London—Communicating the result of the trial of Mr. Ashfield (appointed one of the Council) for assault and battery—acquitted—a formal demand to be made of the Governor on 10th May for his admission to his seat, which had not been done in consequence of the pending trial—circumstances connected with a suit against one of the "Indian Purchase" claimants—Judge Read sat in place of Judge Nevill—Simon Wickoff, Captain of the Ten-mile Run rioters, present, and afterwards arrested for high treason. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

(March.) Notes of Mr. Warrell, Att. Gen'l of New Jersey, upon the trial of Mr. Lewis Morris Ashfield—By a "nice distinction in law," he, Mr. Ashfield, was acquitted of that part of indictment of speaking the identical words, but reprimanded for his irregular and outrageous behaviour towards a sworn Constable—the evidence shows sufficiently clear that Mr. Ashfield is not worthy of a seat in the Council—"his gross, vulgar, and unseemly language to the Constable at first he mistook to be a Justice of the Peace, such as—*You, Mr. Black Jacket, are you not a pretty Devil of a Justice, &c.*" S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 16. Copy. 4 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, Sept. 15, 1752.

March 30. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Holdernesse to the Board of Trade—Explains new powers granted to the Board as regards the appointment of officers, &c., in the Plantations—encloses a copy of the Order of Council of 11th March, and a copy of the Circular Letter of 30th March, directed to all the Governors in America, in pursuance of the said order. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 107. Original. 20 folios.

[April 7. New York. James Alexander to Robert Hunter Morris, London—The Proprietors of East Jersey had agreed to join with the Proprietors (Messrs. Penn) of Pennsylvania, in bearing the expense of a suit brought by the latter against the occupant of some land in the northern part of the State—1500 acres of rights had been sold to bear the expense of Elizabethtown suit—a rumour current that James Parker, (the printer,) who had become a Proprietor, had been seized by the rioters when surveying lands near the Blue Hills, and kept a prisoner in reprisal for Simon Wickoff, (see March 24th, 1752,) and had threatened to make similar reprisals for all who might be arrested—did not believe the rumour. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[April ? Letter from Robert Hunter Morris to Gov'r Clinton—

Referring to investments made by Catherwood on his account. Original draft. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[April? Request of Governor Clinton for the Government at Home to order the President of Council to assume the chief authority in New York, when he shall leave. Original draft. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[April 8. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge —Young Ashfield had been tried upon his indictment, and "clear'd by a nicety in law," although every body thought him guilty of the fact charged (see 1752, March 24th, and previous entries)—had been told that Commissioners were coming from England to inquire into the affairs of the Province. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

April 8. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Sends public papers relating to the late session of the Assembly of New Jersey at Amboy—the accounts of the several Treasurers of the Province are not yet received. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 4. Original. 2 folios.

[Copy of this in Belcher Papers.] Similar letter of the same date was written to the Secr. of State. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 205.

[April 11. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Andrew Johnston and Judge Nevill, Perth Amboy—Understanding that Simon Wickoff, committed to the Perth Amboy jail for high treason, was likely to be rescued by his friends—he calls upon them to aid the jailer in resisting every such attempt. See 1752, March 24. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 11. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Edward Antill, New Brunswick—Relating to an order for a quantity of beer to be brewed for him, with directions as to the time when it should be done, &c., "for you must know if I indulge my taste in any one thing more than another, it is in malt drink." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 12. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris —Fears he will not get away before June—"the faction" very assiduous in spreading false reports—the small pox spreading—was about leaving the city. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

April 14. Whitehall. Order of Council, approving the drafts of additional instructions for the Governors of the Plantations in America, conformable to the Order of Council of the 11th of March last, touching their corresponding for the future with the Board of Trade only. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 111. Copy. 3 folios.

April 14. Whitehall. Order of Council, approving the drafts of additional instructions for the Governors of the Plantations in

America, to cause the laws in force in the said Plantations to be revised, and to form a body of new and well digested laws in lieu thereof. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 112. Copy. 4 folios.

April 14. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Judge Nevill—In relation to the rescue of Simon Wickoff from the Amboy jail—the Sheriff (Deare) negligent, and the jailer culpable in having allowed Wickoff to absent himself from the jail for three days together—approving of the Judge's plan for Wickoff's recovery. (See 1752, May 1.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 14. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Secr. Read—Directing him to convene the Council at an early day, in consequence of the rescuing of Simon Wickoff from the Amboy jail the day before. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[April 24. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to the Gentlemen of the Council—Laying before them the rescue of Wickoff from jail, and asking their advice as to calling the Assembly together. Copy. Belcher Papers.

As only three of the members attended nothing was done—(see May 1, 1752.)]

April 15. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America, with four Acts of Parliament, viz., an Act for regulating the commencement of the year—an Act for encouraging the growth of coffee in America—an Act for putting an end to certain doubts relating to the alteration of wills—and an Act to amend an Act for regulating the commencement of the year. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 310. Entry. 4 folios.

April 17. Perth Amboy. Letter from Samuel Nevill, Esq., one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of the Province of New Jersey, to Gov'r Belcher, being a summary of the trial of Mr. Ashfield upon the indictment brought against him in the said Court, in order to point out that not one evidence appeared in behalf of the King, to support *the words* charged in the indictment. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 17. Copy. 10 folios.

April 24. Elizabethtown. Several papers relating to the riot committed at Perth Amboy, being copies of correspondence between the Governor of New Jersey and the officers of that Province, on the subject of the said riot. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 6. Copies. 28 folios.

April 28. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America, enclosing two additional instructions from the Lords Justices—One relating to the conduct of the Governors, with respect to the future correspondence, the other relating to a revisal of the laws of the Colonies, under their respective Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 314. Entry. 6 folios.

May 1. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—On the 13th of April a riot was committed in Perth Amboy; the jail was broken into and one Simon Wickoff, who stood committed as a prisoner for high treason, was set free—sends papers relating to the said riot—Wickoff voluntarily returned to his confinement. [Copy of this in Belcher Papers.] S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 5. Orig'l. 3 folios.

Enclosing several papers relating to the riot at Perth Amboy, April 24, 1752. Similar letter of the same date was written to the Secr. of State. Sec. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 238.

[May 1. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge —The riot at Amboy on 13th April, committed "by a number of about twenty lawless villains"—although Wickoff had returned (voluntarily) to jail, he feared the circumstance would give an unfortunate turn to the affairs of the Province. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

May 7. Whitehall. Order of Council, referring to the consideration of the Board of Trade the Report of His Majesty's Att. & Sol. Gen'ls, with a draft of a Commission prepared by them and annexed to the said Report, for making an enquiry of the rise, progress and continuance of the riots in New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 7.

Order, original, 3 folios; Rep't and Com'n, copies, 22 folios—25 folios.

[May 7. Power of Attorney from the Committee of W. Jersey Society to Henry Lane and Lewis Johnston, to be their agents and factors in the Province—Authenticated before the Lord Mayor of London. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

May 19. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Upon the occasion of the late riot, the Council of New Jersey were against taking any steps until the arrival of His Majesty's order on that head—such orders are very necessary to stop the course of such seditious and riotous proceedings—Minutes of the Council transmitted. [Copy in Belcher Papers.] S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 8. Original. 3 folios.

Similar letter of the same date was written to the Secr. of State. Sec. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 15, p. 239.

[May 20. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Observes that Partridge had been before the Board of Trade, to present the impropriety of having an unequal representation in the Council from the two divisions—cautions him against some one who professed to be his friend, but who would be likely to betray him, and also against countenancing the rioters—"a set of impudent, lawless rascals." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 21. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Prince, Mass. —Expressing a hope that "some generous souls without," would

contribute to the sustaining of the infant College. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 28. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Capt. Huske—As no Postmaster lived nearer than fourteen miles of Elizabethtown, requests him to conform to his directions relative to the transmission of letters. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[May 30. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Woodruff—Mr. W. having a vessel going to Madeira, desires him to import for his use three pipes of the best Madeira wine, and a quarter cask of Malmsey. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 2. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Had seen an extract from a letter of 4th March, saying that Lord Loudon was likely to be nominated Governor of New York and New Jersey. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

June 3. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of several letters from the Board. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 9. Original. 1 folio.

June 3. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in America, recommending strict adherence to their instructions, and not to pass any laws inconsistent therewith, and to transmit their opinion of such parts of their instructions as appear to them useless, improper, or liable to objection, with their reasons for such opinions. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 318. Entry. 9 folios.

June 9. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Sends the accounts of the Eastern and Western New Jersey Treasurers [from 1733 to 1751], which are very imperfect, owing to the "loose way" in which the public records are kept, and that the public officers are "meanly paid"—sends also the accounts of customs of New Jersey [to Dec. 25, 1751. Copy of this in Belcher Papers.] S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 10, 11, 12. Originals. Letter, 3 folios; acc'ts, 52 folios—55 folios.

June 10. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Hill to Mr. Wood, Secr. to the Commissioners of the Customs, enclosing a general draft of instructions relating to the Acts of trade and navigation, for the Governors of the Plantations in America, desiring the observations of the Commissioners upon the said instructions. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 324. Entry. 4 folios.

[June 23. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to George Whitefield, England—A long letter upon religious subjects—encloses a letter for the Countess of Huntington, to be read and then delivered. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 24. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to the Right Honora-

ble the Countess Dowager of Huntington—Although personally unknown to her, writes to compliment her upon her bright example, &c., (a long religious letter.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 27. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Capt. Stevens, Perth Amboy—Sends him £55 for a negro boy his wife had purchased; £60 the price asked, too much, as he did not appear to be in the best health—if the amount sent was not enough he would return the boy. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[June 30. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to President Burr—Congratulating him upon his marriage with Miss Edwards. (See Stearns' First Church in Newark, page 190, and N. J. Hist. Soc. Proceedings, Vol. V. p. 169, for particulars of this marriage.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 3. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Messrs. Truman and Douglass, London—Remitting £16 sterling to pay for lottery tickets which had all drawn blanks. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 3. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to his son (in Ireland) —His paralytic affection had so far increased that for 18 months he had not been able to hold a pen. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

July 9. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Privy Council, enclosing copy of Gov'r Belcher's letter of 1 May, 1752, relating to the riot committed at Perth Amboy on the 13th of April last. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 374. Entry. 2 folios.

July 23. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Privy Council, pursuant to their order of the 7th of May last, to consider the report of the Att. and Solic. General relative to the great riots and disturbances in New Jersey, and also the commission prepared by them for making enquiry into the causes of those riots—The Board in their report of the 1st of June, 1750, stated not only the rise and progress of the riots, but also the particular grievances which are alleged the people of New Jersey labour under—if, however, the commission of inquiry be thought necessary, the commissioners ought to be men of "prudence, temper and abilities," and those sent from England "would be least liable to suspicion of interest, prejudice and partiality," than those which may be chosen out of the neighbouring Colonies—the commissioners to have proper instructions—the property of lands is to be decided in a judicial way. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 375. Entry. 11 folios.

July 23. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Privy Council, enclosing copy of a letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, of 19 May, 1752, relating to the riot committed at Perth Amboy the 13th of April last. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 379. Entry. 2 folios.

[July 26. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris —Had received a letter from Lord Holdernesse, commanding him to remain in his Government—expects to be superseded—his embarrassments. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[July 26–28. Aug. 9. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris—Transmits duplicate of letter of 26th of July, with postscript—had been directed to correspond only with the Lords of Trade—Without many instructions he desired—wishes Mr. M. to ascertain to whom his ill-treatment is owing—thinks Lords Holdernesse and Halifax prevented his return, in order to advance the views of some one else—his remaining in the Province rather detrimental than otherwise, in consequence of the dissensions between him and the Assembly—urges renewed exertions to get him away—still suggests the suspension of De Lancey—Endorsement by Mr. Morris, under date of Oct. 25—that he had been informed by Gov'r Pownall that Mr. Clinton had been charged with having taken money for an office. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[July 28. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Rich'd Partridge —Regrets to learn that he (P.) was not allowed access to the Ministers, or public offices—if such was the case he was earnestly advised to take steps to be reinstated in favor—(again under date of Aug. 6th to same effect.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 3. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Shippen, Philadelphia—The necessity of having some one to go to England to solicit donations for the College—Rev. Mr. Tennent thought to be a proper person—Mr. S. to speak to Mr. T. on the subject—the Commencement to be on 16th at Newark—(similar letter to Mr. Hazard, Philadelphia.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 5. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lord Chancellor Hardwicke—Anxiously expecting orders from the Government that might tend to quiet the disturbances in the Province—the Assembly had provided for the payment of all the public debts up to the preceding Nov.—Wickoff's escape from jail—had been one of the rioters five years before, and assisted to break open a jail then—hopes to receive his continued favor and patronage, notwithstanding the exertions of young Mr. Morris. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 6. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Earl Granville—Deprecating course of R. H. Morris in misrepresenting his Administration and undermining his influence at home—and praying to be served with authentic copies of any complaints that might be made against him. (Letter of similar date to Lord Halifax.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 11. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to the Gentlemen of the Council—Surprised at a motion made by James Alexander, the day before, relative to the mandamus of Mr. Ashfield—" I once

more tell you you have no business or concern, (with it) nor will I hear any thing from you about it," &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 13. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Rich'd Partridge —The Council determined not to do any thing in relation to the riots until the long-expected orders from the King should arrive—agrees with them in the opinion that nothing effectual can be done before their receipt—by late letters received had reason to believe that R. H. Morris was using his utmost efforts to have him removed. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Aug. 13. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Met Council of New Jersey on the 10th inst., who were of opinion that it would be fruitless to call the Assembly, or to order a prosecution of any of the rioters, until His Majesty sends his special orders—the public debts of the Province are all punctually paid up to this time, " and that there is peace and tranquility among the people in all things, the affair of the rioters excepted " (!)—Minutes of Council, of the 10th and 11th Aug. enclosed. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 18. Original. 2 folios.

[Aug. 19. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Messrs. Belcher and Foye, Mass.—The promotion of manufactures in Massachusetts the best way of retrieving the condition of their Province—had often wondered that a glass house had not been erected there before—one had been established in New Jersey, and conducted profitably, but he could not give them any information relative to it as the managers " are very close and secret." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 24. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Alford, Boston—Thanks him for his " kind and generous subscription " for the College—and through him to Mr. (James) Allen and other contributors—had made some enquiries for him relative to the glass works in New Jersey, but as they were 130 miles distant he had obtained very little information—one Gaspar, a German, was the first and principal undertaker, with whom he had had some conversation five years before—Gaspar had recently died, leaving a fortune of 20 or 30,000 pounds sterling, although starting a very poor man—had understood that there was a general complaint of want of proper materials—advises Col. A. to send to London for workmen—the glass manufacture established in New York—five skilful workmen had arrived there a month before from Holland or London. Copy. Belcher Papers.

In reference to Col. Alford's subscription, see Dr. Stearns' First Church in Newark, pp. 186, 188.]

Aug. 28. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to the Duke of ——
—Grateful sense of his Grace's patronage in naming him to the Government of New Jersey—understands that some in England are carping at his Administration—impossible to please every body,

though the Province was never in greater peace—the riots began 50 years before his arrival—has been informed that his predecessor combined with others to break open the King's gaol and to rescue himself therefrom*—stringent laws necessary to suppress the vile spirit of mobbing—prays a continuation of the Duke's favours. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. (Bundle.) Original. 8 folios.

* [Probably an allusion to a circumstance in the life *not* of Gov. Morris but of his uncle, growing out of disturbances in Monmouth Co. in 1684. See Papers of Lewis Morris, p. 6.]

Sept. 15. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Mr. Ashfield was acquitted from the indictment in March last by a mere criticism in the law—sends copy of a letter from the Judge who tried the matter, as also the Attorney General's notes—the said Mr. Ashfield was bound over in his own recognizance to be of good behaviour for his rude and indecent treatment of the King's Governor, and upon that refused to be admitted to sit at the Council Board of N. Jersey—Mr. Ashfield is resident of East New Jersey, and stands nominated to sit for the Western Division, which is against the 6th Art. of the Governor's instruction. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 13. Original. 4 folios.

Enclosing Mr. Wm. Morris's affirmation, Nov. 21, 1751; Mr. L. M. Ashfield's recognizance, Nov. 21, 1751; the Att. General's notes, March, 1752, and letter from Samuel Nevill, Esq., to Gov'r Belcher, April 17, 1752.

[Sept. 16. Newark. Rev. Aaron Burr to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—Rejoicing in his marriage—nothing in his life he can reflect on with more satisfaction than his courtship. Copy. Pres'n Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila. The original Bellamy papers are in the possession of Mrs. E. M. Loomis, Bethlehem, Penn.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

Oct. 16. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of the Board's letters of April 28 and June 3—the difficulty of executing the orders in these letters represented. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 25. Orig'l. 10 folios.

[Nov. 24. Letter from John Ayscough to Robert Hunter Morris—Mr. Clinton sick—he approves of Mr. Morris's suggestion to have a public hearing by Council—the displeasure of the Board of Trade gives him no uneasiness, as he is not conscious of deserving it—is indifferent as to his successor, but wishes to get away himself—thinks it will be a long while before Lord Halifax will find any one to take the office, if no one but a "Nobleman of fortune, integrity and understanding" is to be selected—the Assembly had met and adjourned—promising to provide for Indian affairs at the next session—in consequence the Governor had appointed Commissioners. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Nov. 29. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Privy Council—enclosing an extract of Gov'r Belcher's letter to the Board of Trade, of the 13th of Aug., 1752, and of the Journals of the Assembly relative to the riots in New Jersey, in order that the same may be laid before the King. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 381. Entry. 2 folios.

Dec. 2. Surry street, London. Letter from Mr. Paris to Mr. Pownall, desiring that the Board of Trade may fix a day for taking into their consideration the Act of New Jersey Assembly, passed in Feb., 1747–48, for running and ascertaining the line of partition between that Province and the Province of New York. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 19. Original. 2 folios.

Dec. 23. Lincoln's Inn. Report of Mr. Lamb to the Board of Trade, giving his opinion, in point of law, in favor of the twelve Acts of New Jersey, passed in June and October, 1751. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 44. Original. 4 folios.

Dec. Account of the quantity of pig and bar iron imported into England from the several colonies in America from Christmas, 1749, to Christmas, 1752. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 123. Original. 6 folios.

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[Jan. 16. Summons to Robert Hunter Morris to attend a meeting of the Board of Trade the next day—The result endorsed by Mr. Morris—had waived the claim of his brother to a seat in the Council of New York in favor of Mr. Smith, recommended by Gov'r Clinton. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Jan. 17–19. Letter from Gov'r Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris—Sends him "the character of a disbanded Courtier" as a "just picture" of Chief Justice De Lancey—the winter very severe—stages cross the river on the ice—Mr. Chambers so alarmed at the idea of running for the Assembly, that it has made him sick—no one willing to run in opposition to the De Lanceys—"if Oliver would but set up his four coach horses, they would carry it"—the "scandalous" interference of the Chief Justice in the elections—the "solicitations" to have Chambers made a Councillor to be slackened, for, if in that body, he would be afraid of the Chief Justice—either Oliver De Lancey or James Livingston to be run, and Chambers says he would rather give £500 than oppose either. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Jan. 18. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Belcher—The Board does not approve Gov'r Belcher's conduct in refusing to admit Mr. Ashfield to his seat in the Council of New Jersey—desire he will be immediately admitted—he may be suspended with the Council's advice. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 382. Entry. 4 folios.

[Jan. 24. Perth Amboy. Samuel Nevill to James Alexander —The Bookbinders in Philadelphia had used him ill in not properly binding his Laws of the Province—other arrangements to be made for their binding. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Feb. 22. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—The Council are indifferent about the revising of the Laws of the Province—the Council will do nothing to suppress the riots—sends copies of public papers. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 26. Original. 4 folios.

April 7. Report from the Attorney and Solicitor Generals to the Board of Trade, enclosing certain amended articles of instructions for the Governors in America, relating to appeals. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 117. Original. 10 folios.

[April 16. Letter from Governor Clinton to Robert Hunter Morris—Refers to the conflicting claims of Messrs. Lewis Morris and Smith to a seat in the Council—had been ordered by the Board of Trade not to suspend De Lancey—intelligence had been received that Mr. Morris had been appointed Collector at Philadelphia. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

May 28. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of the Board's letter of the 18th of January last—Mr. Ashfield admitted to sit in the Council of New Jersey—Mr. Ashfield, who is an inhabitant of East Jersey, stands now a Councillor for the Western Division, which is not in accordance with the 6th instruction. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 27. Original. 2 folios.

[May 29. Kingwood. Rev. James Davenport, of Hopewell, to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—State of religion; remarkable revival in March in Rev. Wm. Tennent's congregation. Copy. Pres'n Hist. Soc. Phil'a.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

June 25. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Belcher—Desire him to give all possible assistance to the Missionaries in New Jersey for propagating the Gospel. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 384. Entry. 3 folios.

July 12. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing that the instructions relative to appeals, prepared by the Attorney and Solicitor General, shall be sent to the Governors of all the Colonies and Plantations in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 335. Entry. 4 folios.

July 18. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending the repeal of an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed there in Feb. 1747–48, for running the line of partition between that Province and New York. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 386. Entry. 38 folios.

[A copy of this among Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

July 26. Whitehall. Order of Council directing the Board to prepare drafts of such additional instructions to all the Governors in the American Plantations, as were given to the Governors of Leeward Islands and New York, relating to the admitting of appeals from the courts there in cases of error. S. P.O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 12, O. 118. Original. 4 folios.

[Aug. 4. London. Official notice from J. Sharpe, agent for New York, to Ferd. John Paris—That the Lords Commissioners would be moved on the succeeding Tuesday to repeal the Act passed by the New Jersey Legislature in 1747–48, entitled "An Act for running and ascertaining the line of partition and division betwixt this Province of New Jersey and the Province of New York." Rutherfurd MSS.

The question of approval came up before the Board of Trade June 7th, 1753. For the proceedings and grounds of disapproval, see New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 775.]

Aug. 8. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—The Assembly of New Jersey held their sessions at Burlington in May and June—sends eleven Acts passed there and some other public papers—the Assembly have no inclination to revise the Laws—there is more harmony now between the Council and Assembly—no riots or disturbances did take place of late in New Jersey—the Proprietors avoid bringing their actions of trespass and ejectment, and the Council does not seem inclined to give order to prosecute such rioters as lie under bonds. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 28. Original. 4 folios.

[Aug. 18. London. Ferd. John Paris to Robert Hunter Morris—Complains of the condition in which he finds himself engaged in a matter of vast importance, (securing the approval of the Act relative to the boundary between New York and New Jersey,) without any requisites to ensure success—not even knowing how to address Mr. Morris—encloses a copy of the Lords of Trade's "most extraordinary report"—containing much extraneous matter (see N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 775)—in doubt what to do—had applied for time to draw up a petition, praying for leave to oppose the adoption of the report—had done so, and sends a copy—wishes directions, as the subject will come up in October or November. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Aug. 28. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State, the Earl of Holdernesse, to all the Gov'rs in North America, directing them to repel any invasion that may be attempted upon their respective Governments by the Indians supported by some regular troops. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 74. Draft. 5 folios.

Sept. 18. Whitehall. Circular Letter to the several Governors in the American Plantations, relative to the appointing of Commissioners, jointly with the Gov'r of New York, to hold an interview

with the Six Nations of Indians. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 43, p. 337. Entry. 5 folios.

[Oct. 26. New York. James Alexander to Ferd. John Paris —The Boundary question—Mr. P.'s proceedings approved of—his letter to Mr. Morris and the report of the Board of Trade received, but the latter not yet particularly examined. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Nov. 2. Petition of the House of Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey (signed by Mr. Partridge, their agent) to the King, praying His Majesty to grant his leave to the Governor to give his assent to a bill for making current £60,000 in bills of credit. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 29. Copy. 10 folios.

Enclosed in Order of Council, (H. 29,) Dec. 18, 1753.

[(Nov. ?) Letter from Ferd. John Paris to Robert Hunter Morris, informing him of the death of Sir Danvers Osborne in New York shortly after his arrival there.

(Sir D. Osborne hung himself Sept. 12th, 1753. See New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p 803.) Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Nov. 10. Burlington. Letter from Mr. Read to Mr. R. H. Morris—The Sheriff Act is a great grievance to N. Jersey, as well as the Acts which made the Board of Freeholders necessary in the sinking of paper money—should Mr. Morris resign his office as Chief Justice of New Jersey, Mr. Saltar would be a fit and proper person to be recommended in his stead—Mr. Read himself is desirous to resign his seat on the Bench, and thought of Mr. Kemble as his successor. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 35. Orig'l. 5 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Mr. R. H. Morris to the Board of Trade, March 31, 1754.

Nov. 10. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Secr of State (Earl of Holdernesse)—Received His Lordship's letter of the 28th of Aug. last, containing intelligence of an intended invasion of the Southern Governments by the Indians, supported by some regular troops—he will endeavour to defend the Territory under his administration, and to engage the Assembly of New Jersey to grant supplies, as the exigency of affairs may require. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 67. Original. 4 folios.

Nov. 20. Memorial of the Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey to Gov'r Belcher, on the subject of the Boundary Line between that Province and New York, recapitulating their title to the lands in question, giving an account of the trespasses committed by the people of New York, and claiming the line of division run in 1719; also several documents bearing on the subject of the Boundary question. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 33. Printed. 31 folio pages. 250 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Mr. Morris to the Board, March 31, 1754, and see also Aug. 23, 1754. H. 57.

Nov. 23. Affirmation of John Herring and Richard Gardner, of Newtown, in the County of Sussex, in New Jersey, relating to a trespass and battery, committed by some people of New York, upon the said affirmants. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 34. Attest copies. 18 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Mr. Morris to the Board, Mar. 31, 1754.

Nov. 28. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, transmitting the accounts of the Treasurer, Collector, and Naval Officer, for the port of Perth Amboy—Some accounts, though ordered, were not, as yet, received. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 36. Original. 3 folios.

Nov. 28. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State, (Earl of Holdernesse,) desiring orders from His Majesty how the money brought into New Jersey from North Carolina, supposed to belong to the subjects of Spain, is to be disposed of. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 67. Orginal. 1 folio.

Dec. 5. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Privy Council, enclosing drafts of additional instructions to the Governors of the Plantations in America, relative to the admitting of appeals in cases of error from the courts in the said Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 340. Entry. 12 folios.

Dec. 7. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Pownall to Mr. Lamb, desiring his opinion, in point of law, upon eleven Acts of New Jersey, passed by their Assembly in May and June last. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 406. Entry. 9 folios.

Dec. 11. St. James'. Order of Council approving the drafts of additional instructions to the Governors of the Plantations in America, relative to the admitting of appeals in cases of error from the courts in the said Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 121. Copy. 3 folios.

Dec. 13. Lincoln's Inn. Report from Mr. Lamb to the Board of Trade, giving his opinion, in point of law, in favour of eleven Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed there in June, 1753. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 45. Original. 6 folios.

December 18. Whitehall. Order of Council referring to the Board of Trade, for their consideration, the petition of the House of Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey to the King, praying His Majesty to grant leave to the Gov'r to give his assent to a bill for creating £60,000 of paper money. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 29 Original. 2 folios.

Enclosing petition of H. of Repr. of N. Jersey to the King, Nov. 2, 1753.

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Order of Council referring to the Board's

consideration the remonstrance of Mr. Partridge, agent for the Province of New Jersey, praying that His Majesty grant his instruction to the Governor of that Province to give his assent to a bill for emitting at least the sum of £60,000 in bills of public credit. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 30. Order, orig'l; 2 folios: Remonstr., copy; 17 folios: 19 folios.

Dec. 20. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of the Board's letter of the 18th of September last; and as soon as the Assembly of New Jersey shall meet, he will recommend to them to appoint Commissioners to treat with the Indians, jointly with the Gov'r of New York—the Assembly of New Jersey, however, always was indifferent about the Indian affairs—sends Minutes of Council—great riot and outrage committed by the people of New York upon the people of New Jersey—the necessity of a settlement of the line of division between those two Provinces, strongly urged. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 40. Original. 6 folios.

[Dec. 21. New York. James Alexander to R. H. Morris or F. J. Paris, London—Mr. Paris's petition to the Board of Trade to be heard in opposition to the report of the Board on the Boundary Act, had been laid before the Council of Proprietors on 19th Nov., and approved of—difficulties with New York—does not think that Province will approve of a commission to settle the Boundary, any more readily than it had approved of the Act passed by New Jersey—the line run in 1719 desired for a temporary line of jurisdiction. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

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Jan. 6. (Enclosure.) Copy of the King's 95th and 96th instructions to Sir Danvers Osborne, late Governor of New York, stating the quota of men and money to be furnished by East and West New Jersey for the erecting of Forts for the defence of New York, enclosed in a letter from Gov'r Shirley to the Secretary of State, who proposes that each Province contribute in a similar manner towards the general defence. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 67. Copy. 8 folios.

[March 1. Printed copy of Report of Committee of New York Council, relative to the controverted Boundary Line between New York and New Jersey. Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

March 18. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council, pursuant to the Order of Council of 18th Dec., 1753, upon the petition of the House of Representatives of New Jersey and Mr. Partridge's remonstrance, recommending His Majesty to grant leave, upon certain conditions, to the Gov'r of that Province to give his assent to the bill for issuing £60,000 in bills of credit. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol 15, p. 411. Entry. 18 folios.

March 26. Whitehall. Order of Council directing Board of Trade to prepare a draft of instructions for the Gov'r of New Jersey to give his assent to a bill for making current £60,000 in bills of credit. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 31. Original. 3 folios.

[March 29. London. Robert Hunter Morris to the Lords of Trade—Transmitting a copy of memorial from the Proprietors of East Jersey to Governor Belcher, relative to the New York Boundary—apprehensions of bloodshed should the controversy not be soon settled—the line run in 1719 recommended as a temporary line of jurisdiction—advises the repeal of an Act passed by the New Jersey Legislature in 1747, obliging Sheriffs to give security, &c.—suggests the appointment of a man of character and ability to the office of Attorney General—the gentleman then filling the office had never made the law his study until after his appointment—"given to him rather to keep him from starving than to answer any purposes of Government"—should a change be made, recommends David Ogden "among the first of his profession in the country"—resigns his office of Chief Justice of the Province, and recommends Richard Saltar as his successor, not thinking it advisable that the second Judge, Samuel Nevill, should be made Chief Justice, "his circumstances being low, and for that reason unfit to be trusted in the principal seat of justice"—discusses the propriety of Colonial Governors appointing to office during good behavior. (J. Warrell was then Att. Gen'l. Copy. Rutherfurd MSS.]

March 31. Letter from Mr. Robert Hunter Morris to the Board of Trade—Encloses a memorial of the Council of Proprietors of East Jersey to Gov'r Belcher, relating to the partition line between that Province and New York—formidable riots may be expected if some measures to prevent them are not adopted—temporary line, run in 1719, would be necessary to preserve public peace—the Act for the appointment of Sheriffs in New Jersey is very inconvenient, and ought to be repealed—recommends Mr. David Ogden to be Attorney General of New Jersey, in the room of the present one, who was not a lawyer before his appointment—he, Mr. Robert H. Morris, resigns the office of Chief Justice of that Province, and recommends Mr. Rich'd Saltar to be appointed in his stead—Mr. Samuel Nevill, second Judge, is in very low circumstances, and for that reason unfit to be trusted with the principal seat of justice—ill consequences of the Governors giving places for life—goes to America in the course of a few weeks. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 32. Original. 12 folios.

Enclosing the Proprietors of East Jersey's Memorial to Gov'r Belcher, Nov. 20, 1753. John Herring's Affirmation, Nov. 23, 1753; and Mr. Read to Mr. Morris, Nov. 10, 1753.

[Presumed to be the same as the foregoing.]

April 4. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the

Committee of the Privy Council, with a draft of additional instructions to the Gov'r of New Jersey to give his assent to a bill of the Assembly of that Province for making current £60,000 in bills of credit. S. P. O. B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 421. Entry. 16 folios.

[—— (?) Propositions or suggestions towards obtaining a revenue in the Colonies from grants of Crown lands, made by Robert Hunter Morris (probably to the Board of Trade.) Original draft. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[—— (?) Fragment in the handwriting of Robert Hunter Morris endorsed "Some consequences of the Crown's not having revenues in America." Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

April 6. Whitehall. Circular Letter to the several Governors in the American Plantations, desiring them to send Minutes of Council and other public papers of their respective Governments, which they have neglected to transmit. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 398. Entry. 3 folios.

April 8. St. James'. Order of Council approving an additional instruction to Gov'r Belcher, empowering him to give his assent to the bill of the Assembly of New Jersey for making current £60,000 in bills of credit. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 46. Copy. 8 folios [and Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 103. Original. 13 folios.]

[April 10. New York. James Alexander to Robert H. Morris, London—On learning of the repeal of the Boundary Line, some of the New York people intended to carry the jurisdiction of that Province down to the forks of Delaware, but some action of the Council of Proprietors of East Jersey had prevented—the French attempts upon Ohio likely to result in a French war in North America—the impunity enjoyed by the rioters in New Jersey for eight years had greatly encouraged them—an attack had been made upon a body of woodcutters in the employ of Allen and Turner on the West Jersey Society's tract—the woodcutters defended themselves successfully—a larger force threatened, but preparations for defence had prevented their threats being put in execution—Allen and Turner obliged to keep sentries, &c.—riots elsewhere heard of—the result of the example of the people of New Jersey—Theodosius Valleau, High Sheriff of Bergen, had been identified as one of the rioters who broke open Amboy jail—pleased to hear of Mr. Morris's intended return —glad that he has acquired some knowledge of the manner in which iron and potash are manufactured—it would be of great service to himself and friends. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.],

May 15. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Sends Minutes and Journals of Council and Assembly of New Jersey—the Assembly are very indifferent as to the

joining other Colonies in mutual defence. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 47. Orig'l. 3 folios.

[May 17. Agreement of Thomas and Richard Penn to Robert Hunter Morris, appointed Governor of Pennsylvania on 4th—That he shall receive £1500 per annum as his salary, &c. Original on parchment. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[May 21. New York. Lieut. Gov'r De Lancey to the Lords of Trade—Transmits papers referring to the Boundary Line between New York and New Jersey, with a copy of an ancient Map, said to be signed by Andrew Hamilton, who was then Governor of East Jersey—his views relative to the subject—had recommended a temporary line to Gov'r Belcher—leaves it to their Lordships to consider the propriety of Mr. James Alexander occupying places in the Councils of both Provinces while such a dispute is pending.

Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 838.]

[June 4. New York. James Alexander to Robert H. Morris, London—The New Yorkers hoped to get orders to Gov'r Belcher from England establishing a temporary Line of Boundary between New York and New Jersey, running to Minisink Island, and confirming the jurisdiction of the latter south of that line—should they succeed, they would never consent to a commission for settling any other line—position of affairs in the Province in relation to the Boundary. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[June 9. Elizabethtown. Charles Read to James Alexander—Proceedings of the Assembly—Mr. Saltar had qualified in his room (as Judge of the Supreme Court)—hopes the Province will be perfectly pleased as his friends are. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

June 14. Whitehall. Letter from Sir Tho's Robinson, one of the principal Secrs. of State, to the Board of Trade, communicating the King's orders, that the Board do prepare and lay before him plan of general concert to be entered into by the American Plantations for their mutual defence. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 125. Original. 2 folios.

July 2. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Secretary Pownall—Acknowledges the receipt of his letter, with an additional instruction from the King, relating the Acts for issuing the paper currency in New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 48. Original. 1 folio.

July 2. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Secr. of State, (Sir Tho's Robinson, afterwards Earl of Grantham,) congratulating upon his promotion, and acquainting that in pursuance to the orders he will address all future letters to him. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 67. Original. 1 folio.

July 5. Whitehall. Letter from the Secr. of State, Sir Tho's

Robinson, to Gov'r Belcher—The King does not doubt but that he will keep up a regular correspondence with the other Governors—the King wishes to know what steps the people of New Jersey have taken upon the occasion of the French invasion. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 74. Drafts. 3 folios.

July 5. Belleville, N. J. Resignation of Mr. Warrell of the office of Attorney General of New Jersey, in favor of Mr. Cortlandt Skinner, Esq. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 49. Copy. 2 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Partridge, July 25, 1754.

[For notice of Cortlandt Skinner, see "Contributions to East Jersey History."]

July 5. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Belcher—The conduct of the Assembly of New Jersey in not raising any supplies for the mutual defence disapproved—the instruction relative to the revisal of the laws, is for the advantage and interest of the Colonies—the present peaceable condition of New Jersey, it is hoped, will continue—to urge the Proprietors to bring their action of trespass and ejectment, and to direct the Att. General to prosecute such rioters as have been apprehended and lie under bonds—the Government feels the necessity of fixing a temporary line of division between New York and New Jersey. S P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 429. Entry. 14 folios.

July 5. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Sir Tho's Robinson, one of the Secretaries of State, enclosing copy of Gov'r Belcher's letter of 14th May last, and other papers relating to the Assembly of New Jersey refusing supplies for the mutual defence of the Colonies against the encroachments of the French, in order to lay the same before the King. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 435. Entry. 2 folios.

[July 12 and 27. New York. James Alexander to Robert H. Morris, London—Irruptions by the people of New York had been made into the northern part of New Jersey on May 10th & June 18th or 19th, during the latter, a man and his family had been ousted, and his house burnt—sends a copy of the representation of the Proprietors to Gov'r Belcher, which would be presented the next month—a petition from the people of Minisink and Wawayanda had been sent to the Governor and Council, asserting many "idle, false, and foolish facts" against the Proprietors. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

July 25. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Partridge, desiring his assistance to obtain Mr. Skinner's confirmation as Att. General for the Province of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 48–49. Original. 2 folios.

Enclosing Mr. Warrell's resignation, July 5, 1754.

[July 29. London. Ferd. John Paris to Ja's Alexander, N. York

—Mr. Morris (R. H. Morris appointed Gov'r of Penn'a) had gone on board a man-of-war for America about 24th June, but had been driven back several times by adverse winds, &c.—had been obliged to ask for a postponement of the hearing before the Lords of Trade on the Boundary question—Mr. Charles (the New York agent) had not taken any steps towards having a temporary line established—difficulties in the way of carrying on the matter—the Minutes of Council in the Provinces, when communicated, kept "as choice secrets of State." Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[—— ? "A state of the Province of Penn'a (in the handwriting of Robert Hunter Morris)—A representation of the grievances under which the Province labored from the preponderating influence of the Quakers, Germans, &c., (without date, but presumed to have been written shortly after the appointment of Mr. Morris as Governer.) Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Aug. 9. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Sir Tho's Robinson, enclosing a representation to His Majesty, with a plan of general concert and mutual defence to be entered into by the Colonies in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 368. Entry. 51 folios.

[Aug. 13. New York. James Alexander to Ferd. John Paris —The temporary line between New York and New Jersey discussed. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Aug. 14. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Sends transcripts of the Minutes of Council and Journals of Assembly—there has been a choice of a new Assembly, whom he will urge to come into an union with the rest of the Colonies for their mutual defence—received the additional instructions for an emission of £60,000 in paper money, but it is to be feared that the Assembly will not accept of any emission on the conditions therein stated. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 53. Original. 4 folios.

Aug. 23. Elizabethtown. Memorial of the Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey to Gov'r Belcher, and other documents relating to the Boundary question between New York and New Jersey, being a continuation of the Memorial, &c., dated 20th Nov., 1753, presented to the Board of Trade by Mr. Morris the 31st March 1754, and containing many official documents which very probably now are lost. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 57. Printed. 59 folio pages. Ab't 450 folios.

[Several copies extant in public libraries, &c.]

Enclosed in letter from Governor Belcher to the Board, Nov. 23, 1754.

See also 1753, Nov. 20. H. 33.

Aug. 24. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the

Board of Trade—Sends the Treasurers' and the Collectors' accounts —the Assembly of New Jersey are called to meet at Perth Amboy on the 1st day of October. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, J. 1. Original. 4 folios.

[Sept. 5, 11, & 30. New York. James Alexander to Ferd. John Paris, London—Forwards various papers bearing upon the Boundary question—his son (Wm. Alexander) had returned two days before from an exploration, in company with Mr. Pownall, (brother of Mr. Pownall, of the Board of Trade,) through N. Jersey, extending as far as the Moravian settlement in Pennsylvania—account of the rivers and streams, &c., in comparison with the Delaware " at the forks"—Gov'r Belcher had sent a copy of the Proprietors' representation to L't Gov'r Delancey of New York, who had presented it to his Council—the Lieut. Governor considered himself ill used by Mr. Alexander's statements therein—Governor Morris (R. H. Morris appointed Gov'r of Penn.)—had arrived at N. York on 12th, " where he was well received"—left on 27th for Elizabethtown, where he waited on Gov'r Belcher—is presumed to have arrived at Philadelphia before 30th—course to be pursued relative to the temporary line of jurisdiction between New York and New Jersey—news of the appointment of a new Governor for New York daily expected—should one be appointed, it would be proper for Mr. Paris to wait on him with a copy of the Proprietors' Memorial, &c. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Sept. 13. Commission from Benjamin Franklin and Wm. Hunter, Deputy Postmaster General, to James Parker, to be Postmaster at Woodbridge. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[See " Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 375.]

(October?) " Notes for forming Answer of Council of Proprietors to a part of [the paper] of the Council of New York of March 4th, 1754, and L't Gov'r Delancey's letters of March 15th and June 5th, 1754, [to Gov'r Belcher"] by James Alexander. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Oct. 8. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander—The hearing before the Committee of Council against the Board of Trade's report upon the Boundary Bill to come on the next month—apprehensions expressed as to the result from the want of authenticated documents that would be accepted as proof. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Oct. 16. London. Memorial from Mr. Partridge to the Board of Trade, praying that Mr. Cortlandt Skinner may be appointed to the office of Attorney General of New Jersey, in consequence of the resignation of Mr. Joseph Warrell. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 48. Original. 3 folios.

Oct. 17. New Jersey. Petition of the House of Representatives of New Jersey to the King—The impossibility of complying

with the King's instructions to Gov'r Belcher about the bills of credit of that Province induced the Assembly to draw up a new Act for issuing £70,000 of paper money—pray that His Majesty would give his Royal approbation of the said Act, and direct the Gov'r to put the same in execution. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 50 & H. 60 (the Act.) Copy. 10 folios.

Oct. 17. New Jersey. Opinion of the Council of New Jersey in favor of the petition of the House of Representatives to the King, and a draft of an Act for issuing £70,000 in bills of credit. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 51. Original. 10 folios.

Oct. 25. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State, Sir Tho's Robinson, to the Governors in North America, informing them that the King was pleased to appoint James Pitcher, Esq., to be Commissary of the Musters of all the forces in America. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 74. Draft. 2 folios.

[Oct. 25. New York. James Alexander to Ferd. John Paris —The new Assembly for New Jersey had met early in the month—the friends of order and government in the majority—doubtful, however, if any thing would be done to punish past rioters, &c., but believed they would be cautious how they entered upon any new proceedings of the kind, lest they should be brought to justice. Orig'l draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Oct. 26. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State, Sir Tho's Robinson, to all the Governors in North America—The King has ordered two regiments of 500 men to repair to Virginia, which are to be augmented to 700 each, and to raise two more of 1000 men each—the Governors are to give every encouragement to men to enlist—to exert themselves in order to repel the common enemy—to provide sufficient quantity of provisions—to furnish officers with all necessaries for travelling by land—to enforce the observance of the Commander-in-Chief's orders, and to induce the Assemblies to raise a large sum of money to defray local charges. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 74. Draft. 14 folios.

Oct. 29. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, upon the proceedings of the Commissioners appointed by the several Colonies to hold an interview with the Six Nations at Albany in June, 1754; the chief points of it were: 1. The management and direction of Indian affairs—2. The strengthening the frontiers; and 3. The providing for these services by a general plan of union of the Colonies for their mutual defence and security. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 402. Entry. 31 folios.

Nov. 4. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secretary of State, Sir Tho's Robinson, to all the Governors in North America, informing them that the King was pleased to appoint Sir John St. Clair, Deputy Quarter Master General of his forces in America. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 74. Draft. 2 folios.

No. 5. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State, Sir Tho's Robinson—Dissolved the Assembly of New Jersey for not answering the King's expectations upon the present emergency and extraordinary circumstances of the American Colonies—he will endeavour to prevail with the new Assembly to assist in defending the Colonies against the French depredations. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 67. Original. 5 folios.

Nov. 6. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of the Board's letter of the 5th of July last—the Assembly of New Jersey was dissolved, and a new one called, who are more inclined to enter into an union with the rest of the Colonies for their mutual defence—no expectation even from the new Assembly, that the Royal instructions, relative to the revisal of the laws, should be complied with—the subject of the persecution of the rioters shall be laid before the Council—the Boundary dispute with New York is still going on—the Government of that Province does not coincide with the New Jersey Government, in wishing a temporary until the true line of property can be ascertained. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 54. Original. 8 folios.

Nov. 12. St. James'. Order for settling the rank of the Provincial and regular troops—the Provincial General to have no rank with those who serve by commission from the King, all captains and inferior officers of the regular troops to command and take post of the Provincial officers of the same rank, though the commissions of the Provincials may be of older date. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 74. Draft. 4 folios.

Nov. 23. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Sends copies of papers relative to the boundary question between New Jersey and New York—if Gov'r Delancey will not agree to the proposals contained in Gov'r Belcher's letter, no less than actual war between the two Colonies must be expected —the necessity of an order from the King to Gov'r Delancey to join in the measures proposed is strongly urged, in order to restore and preserve the peace. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 55. Duplicate. 4 folios.

Enclosing letter from Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Delancey, Nov. 23, 1754, and memorial of the Proprietors of E. Jersey, Aug. 23, 1754.

Nov. 23. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Delancey, containing proposals for settling a temporary line of division between the Provinces of New York and New Jersey, until the actual one could be ascertained. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey Vol. 7, H. 56. Copy. 13 folios.

Enclosed in the foregoing.

[Nov. 26. New York. James Alexander to Ferd. John Paris,

London—Proeeedings of New York Council of Oct. 29th and Nov. 8th in relation to New Jersey—narrative of what had recently occurred relative to the boundary question—desire expressed by Gov'r Morris to have the matter pressed to a termination before the appointment of a new Governor for New York. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Nov. 26. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Desires that the orders of the King on the subject of the boundary line between New York and New Jersey should speedily arrive to prevent bloodshed among the borderers—encloses several public papers—the Assembly of New Jersey will not assist the neighbouring Colonies in their present distressed circumstances—observations on the bill for emission of paper money. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 58. Original. 5 folios.

[Dec. "Brief state of case of line between New York and New Jersey, made by W. A., (William Alexander) with manuscript map, showing all the lines, the different tracts involved in the controversy, &c. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Dec. 2. New York. Jas. Alexander to Ferd. John Paris—Endeavors to be made to have him displaced from the Council of New York, in consequence of the part taken by him in the controversy between that Province and New Jersey respecting the boundary. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Dec. 16. London. Ferd. John Paris to James Alexander, N. York—The hearing upon the Board of Trade's Report respecting boundary bill had been unaccountably postponed—no time fixed for it—observations upon Mr. Alexander's views relative to the settlement of the matter by a commissioner, and against a temporary line, such as might be suggested by New York. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Dec. 17. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Sir Thos. Robinson, Secr. of State—Acknowledges the receipt of several of his letters—Mr. James Pitcher will meet with every aid and assistance in the execution of his duty as Commissary of the Musters of all His Majesty's forces in N. America—he will summon the Council and ask their advice as to what can be done at present for His Majesty's service—the Assembly of New Jersey will do nothing until they have a full answer to their petition. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 68. Original. 6 folios.

[Dec. 17. Printed copy of Report of a Committee of N. York Council, relative to the controverted boundary line between N. York and New Jersey. Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

Dec. 28. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, enclosing answers to the queries sent him respecting the state and circumstances of the Province of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 4. Original. 32 folios.

Dec. 31. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Secr. of State, Sir Thos. Robinson, to the Governors in North America, transmitting a clause inserted in the Mutiny Bill, enacting that all the Provincial forces whilst in conjunction with the British army, shall be liable to the same martial law and discipline as the regular troops. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 74. Draft. 3 folios.

Similar circular letter with a copy of the Mutiny Bill was sent 1755, Jan. 23. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 74.

Dec. Reply of Mr. Partridge to the objection against the clause of an Act relating to bills of credit in tenders for payments being obligatory—proving that if refusal of these bills in private contracts should be allowed, it would be destructive of the public faith and the medium of commerce in New Jersey, and render their credit with the inhabitants entirely precarious and uncertain. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 52. Original. 8 folios.

1755.

Jan. 2 & 28. New York. Jas. Alexander to Ferd. John Paris, London—In answer to letter of Oct. 8th, 1754—the New York Council on 17th Dec. had made a report on the subject of the boundary, advising vigorous measures to secure possession of as much of the disputed territory as possible—should this be carried out an actual war upon the frontier would ensue—his son, at the request of Mr. Pownall, had drawn up a "brief state of the dispute," [see above, Dec.,] with an illustrative map, a copy of which he transmits—as he cannot much longer expect, as he has "grown old," to take such an active interest in the affairs of the East Jersey Proprietors, the chief care of them would devolve upon his son and Gov'r Morris—as he, Mr. Paris, was likewise getting "well advanced in years," suggests the employment of some competent gentleman to assist him in conducting their affairs in England, in order that an acquaintance with them might be acquired in time—no prospect of a speedy termination of the controversy with New York—list of papers transmitted to him, eighteen in number. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

Jan. 23. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Secretary of State, Sir Thos. Robinson, to the Governors in North America, signifying the King's intention to augment the regiments in British pay to 1000 men—the Governors are to correspond with Gen. Braddock, and to send their certain contribution of men—they are to encourage enlisting, and defray the charge of a levy. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 74. Draft. 5 folios.

Jan. 23. Whitehall. Letter from Secr. Sir Thomas Robinson, to the Governor of New Jersey—that all troops in America while serving with the British forces, and under the command of an officer bearing the King's commission, shall be liable to the same martial law and discipline as the British forces are. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 74. Draft. 2 folios.

March 17. London. Memorial of Mr. Partridge to the Board of Trade, offering his observations in support of the New Jersey bill for emitting £70,000 in bills of credit, "which the Assembly of that Colony conceived to be as nearly conformable to the terms of the Royal instruction sent over to their Governors last year, for issuing £60,000 as they could well come into." S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 7, H. 61. Original. 16 folios.

March 19. Whitehall. Representation from the Bord of Trade, upon the petition of the House of Assembly of New Jersey, (praying that a bill which they have prepared for making current £70,000 in bills of credit be approved,) showing that some parts of it are not conformable with the Royal instructions, whilst others deserve a favorable comment. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 437. Entry. 11 folios.

April 16. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Secr. of State to the Governors in North America—A squadron of ships of war is ordered to sail to America under the command of V. Admiral Boscawen—whenever any naval assistance shall be wanted for the protection of either of the Provinces, the Governors are to apply for the same to the said V. Admiral or to Commodore Keppell. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 74. Draft. 3 folios.

April 22. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing that Thos. Pownall, Esq., may be appointed Lieut. Gov'r of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 443. Entry. 2 folios.

April 28. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—The Assembly of New Jersey met in Feb. last, and upon having laid before them the pressing necessity of their joining with the other Provinces for driving the French from their encroachments, they have passed several Acts for that purpose, which Acts and other public papers are transmitted—the Assembly insist on having an answer to their petition about their Act for emitting £70,000 in bills of credit—500 men are to be raised in New Jersey under the command of Col. Peter Schuyler, to be under the direction of Gen. Braddock. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 7. Original. 5 folios.

April 30. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Sir Thos. Robinson, Secr. of State—Gave Sir John St. Clair the assurance of aiding and assisting him in the execution of his duty as Deputy Quartermaster General of the forces in America—received printed copy of the Mutiny Bill, by which all troops in America, whilst in conjunction with the British forces, shall be liable to the same martial law and discipline as the British troops are—there is no money raised for defraying the augmentation of the British regiments—neither are the Assembly of New Jersey inclined to raise

any until they have an answer from the King to their petition—the Assembly raised a regiment of 500 men at their own expense. S. P. O. Am. & West Indies. Vol. 68. Original. 5 folios.

[May 6. Muster roll of Capt. Wm. Skinner's company of New Jersey troops, in Col. Schuyler's regiment on the Northern frontier. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[May 11. Perth Amboy. John Johnston to Wm. Alexander, N. York—Capt. Wm. Skinner's company (Provincial troops for regiment under command of Col. Schuyler,) mustered the day before—Capt. John Parker's would be in a few days—had been to Elizabethtown to muster Capt. Risco's, but found he only had 79 all told —Capt. Woodward would probably resign his company to one Doct. Ogden, who, it was said, had 50 or sixty men. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

May 13. Whitehall. Order of Council, approving the draft of a commission for Thos. Pownall, Esq., to be Lieut. Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. J. Vol. 8, I. 8. Copy. 2 folios.

[For a summary of Mr. Pownall's public career, with references to authorities, by Mr. O'Callaghan, see N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 1009. See also Minot's Massachusetts—Force's Amer. Archives, 4th series I. pp. 74, 1600—Letter to a Nobleman on Military Operations from 1753 to 1756, &c.]

May 13. Whitehall. Order of Council, approving Thos. Pownall, Esq., to be Lieut. Governor of New Jersey. S. P O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 5. Original. 2 folios.

May 13. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Justices, enclosing a commission prepared by the said Board, appointing Thos. Pownall, Esq., Lieut. Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol.15, p. 444. Entry. 7 folios.

May 13. Whitehall. Order of Council, directing the Board of Trade to acquaint Gov'r Belcher, that the petition of the Assembly of N. Jersey, in favor of the draft of a bill for making current £70,000 in bills of credit, was by the Lords Justices, with the advice of the Privy Council, rejected. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 6. Original. 4 folios.

May 30. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Belcher—Enclosing copy of a report of the Board to the Lords Justices, and copy of an Order of Council upon a bill passed in N. Jersey for emitting £70,000 in bills of credit. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 15, p. 448. Entry. 3 folios.

[June 7. New York. James Alexander to Ferd. John Paris, London—Proceedings relative to the boundary line, with documents. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[June 16. Message from the Assembly of Pennsylvania to

Gov'r R. H. Morris—Calling for a copy of a letter from General Braddock, which had caused the Governor to summon the Assembly. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 17. Message of Gov'r Morris to the Assembly of Pennsylvania—Relative to supplies for the men engaged in opening and clearing the road towards the Ohio. Original copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

June 19. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Secr. of State, Sir Thos. Robinson, to the Governors in North America, directing them not to draw bills upon the Paymaster General for money on account of the services, &c., but to apply for such sums to General Braddock, or to the Commander-in-Chief. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 74. Draft. 2 folios.

[June 21. Message from Gov'r Morris to the Assembly of Pennsylvania—Declining to furnish them with a copy of Gen. Braddock's letter, (see 1755, June 16,) unless a promise is given that it shall not be printed. Original copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 21. Message from the Assembly of Pennsylvania to Gov'r Morris—Relative to bills for granting money for the King's use, &c. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 25. Message from Gov'r Morris to the Assembly of Pennsylvania—Relative to the amount of money on hand to exchange for old and deferred bills of credit. Original copy N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 25. Message from the Assembly of Pennsylvania to Gov'r Morris, in answer to the foregoing. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 26. Message from Gov'r Morris to the Assembly of Pennsylvania—Calling for the adoption of measures to prevent exportations of produce that may get to the French. Original copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 27. Rejoinder of the Assembly of Pennsylvania to Gov'r Morris, (see 1755, June 21,) asserting their right to determine what papers before them should be printed. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 27. Message from Gov'r Morris to the Assembly of Pennsylvania—Adhering to certain amendments to a money bill. Original copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

June 27. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Sends public papers—the 500 men raised in New Jersey for the Canadian expedition are as fine a regiment as could have been raised—encloses copy of Capt. Bradstreet's letter, containing an account of the state of things at Oswego. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 9. Original, with enclosure. 9 folios.

[July 9. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Gen. Braddock—Approves of putting the New Jersey regiment under the command of Gov'r Shirley, to aid him in his attack upon Niagara, although he should not have done it without the General's direction. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 9. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r R. H. Morris, of Penn'a—Would comply with his wishes in endeavoring to suppress the exportation of provisions—the scalping and "captivating" Virginians, Marylanders and Pennsylvanians, likely to arouse a spirit of indignation against the French. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[The "young man" so frequently alluded to in Gov. B.'s letters to his correspondents in England, in 1751–52—having been appointed Governor of Pennsylvania in 1754, this letter concludes, "with mine and Mrs. Belcher's compliments, I am, sir, your Honor's most ob't servant."]

July 16. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Sir Thos. Robinson, proposing that Gen. Braddock be directed to consider and report his opinion in what manner the frontiers of the American Plantations may be best defended. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 417. Entry. 6 folios.

July 16. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Pownall to the several Governors of the North American Plantations, desiring their opinion upon the best method for protecting the frontiers and for the management of Indian affairs. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 420. Entry. 4 folios.

[July 19. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Secr. Read—In consequence of the melancholy news received of the death of Gen. Braddock and the defeat of his army, it was necessary that the Assembly should be convened as soon as possible—he was requested to summon the members by express. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 19. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lieut. Governor Phipps—Transmitting intelligence of the death of Gen. Braddock and defeat of his army. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 21. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Secr. Peters, of Penn'a—Acknowledging the receipt of the intelligence from him of the defeat of Braddock's army—had just received intelligence, however, from Mr. Pownall, that the General was not killed, and was retreating in good order—hopes the Southern Colonies may be aroused by the news, and raise 2000 or 3000 men to join the army. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 21. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lieut. Governor Pownall, at Phil'a—Acknowledging the receipt of his letter conveying the intelligence respecting Braddock's defeat—had called the Assembly to meet him the next week. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 25. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Secr. Read, "pr. an Irish Pedlar"—A difficult matter to come to any conclusion as

to what was actually the condition of Braddock's army—hoped that the Legislature would get together on the 31st. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[July 30. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Admiral A. Boscawen—Congratulating him on successes at sea and in Nova Scotia. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 1. Elizabethtown. Message of Gov'r Belcher to the Council and Assembly. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 1. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to the Assembly—Pleased to receive their message intimating their intention to proceed with their regular business, as well as to attend to the extraordinary matters to which their attention had been drawn—in answer to their objections to meeting in Elizabethtown, asserts his right under the Royal orders to convene them there—but to avoid all disputes at that time, he had ordered the Secretary to adjourn the House to meet the next day in Perth Amboy. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Aug. 6. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Belcher—The Assembly of New Jersey's conduct approved—a commission for settling the boundary question between that Province and New York proposed. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 1. Entry. 10 folios.

[Aug. 6. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lieut. Gov'r Dinwiddie—The good accounts from the Eastward of the successes of the army and navy, in some measure relieved the gloomy intelligence from the Southern Colonies—had laid his letter of 2d June before the New Jersey Commissioners, and they had made a remittance to Mr. Hanbury, in accordance with his request—the Assemblies of both N. York and Pennsylvania then sitting—had brought the critical condition of affairs to the notice of the N. Jersey Assembly, on 1st—thought the Colonies ought to raise a body of at least 20,000 men. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 7. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to the N. Jersey Assembly—Granting permission to them to choose a Speaker *pro tem.* during the absence of that officer, (Robert Lawrence,)—the person chosen to be presented to him for his approval. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 7. "In Camp about 2 miles above Casses." Wm. Alexander to Vanbrugh Livingston, New York—Encloses orders from Gen. Shirley, to the effect that they are to furnish vessels and supplies for the two regiments of New Jersey troops—suggestions relative to the fitting up of the vessels, &c., for their transportation from Amboy to Albany. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Aug. 8. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Secr. Read—Di-

recting him to adjourn the Council and Assembly to meet him at Elizabethtown the next day, as he had something to communicate to them which could not so well be done by message as in person—eight days had elapsed since the opening of the session—a great part of the time in passing between Amboy and Elizabethtown, which would continue to be the case, at a great expense to the Province, &c., "while the King's Governor is, in the Providence of God, disabled from travelling"—it was necessary that some provision should be made for such contingencies—had not heard from the House in relation to their choice of a Speaker *pro tem.* Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 8. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lieut. Gov'r Delancey—Intended to press upon the Assembly the passing of a law authorizing the Governor to enforce embargoes—agrees with him in thinking the most effectual aid the Assembly could render at that juncture, would be sending more men to Col. Schuyler, to reinforce Gen. Shirley. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 9. Elizabethtown. Message from Gov'r Belcher to the Council and Assembly—Communicating papers from Lieut. Gov'r Delancey, of New York, &c.—urges the raising of additional men for the frontier—the establishment of an embargo for three months—and the amendment of the militia law. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 21. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew, Mr. Oliver—Did not think the forces sent to Crown Point and Niagara sufficient for the reduction of those places—news had been received at Philadelphia that a French fleet of 24 sail was coming to America, and that Sir Edward Hawk was to follow it with a strong squadron—the Assemblies had prohibited the exportation of provisions, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 23. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Visscher—Sundry documents received from Col. Schuyler—hopes that the Commissioners will without delay forward supplies "to the good men who are jeoparding their lives in the high places of the field." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 23. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Schuyler—The Assembly had not authorized the raising of any more men, but had appropriated 15,000 pounds as a further provision for his regiment until the ensuing May—reference to the pay of the Colonel's Adjutant, and a recommendation relating thereto to the Legislature. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 27. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to his son Jonathan Belcher, Chief Justice of Nova Scotia—A private letter, recommending economy—his marrying again—and to resign his Lieut. Col's Commission, &c.—Enclosing a letter for Governor Lawrence. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Aug. 28. Edinburgh, Scotland. Mr. William Hog, merchant, to President Burr—Heard Mr. Davies died on the return voyage—have £1000 for the College, for which you may draw on Mr. Wm. Belcher, London—the Assembly renewed the order to parishes which have not yet collected to do so—the Marquis of Lothian gave £50—it will be necessary for the Trustees to write a vote of thanks to him as you did to the Earl of Dumfries—a surprising appearance of Providence in giving Mr. Tennent and Mr. Davies such unexpected success—have just got a confused account of the awful stroke of Providence in Braddock's defeat. Copy. Pres'n Hist. Soc. Papers, Philadelphia.]

[From Rev'd Richard Webster.]

Aug. 28. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State, Sir Tho's Robinson, to the Governors in North America, informing them that the King appointed Major General Shirley Commander-in-Chief of the forces in America, in the room of the late Major General Braddock, killed in the affair on Monongahela the 9th of July last. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 74. Draft. 3 folios.

Aug. 29. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Justices, enclosing an account of the number of white inhabitants in the Colonies in North America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 423. Entry. 8 folios.

[Aug. 29. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Barberie, Collector at Perth Amboy—Drawing his attention to a proclamation prohibiting the exportation of provisions, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 3. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Sir John St. Clair—Braddock's defeat and other circumstances would likely prevent the carrying out the plan of the campaign, and the French in consequence would gain a vast advantage—during the winter, exertions should be made to raise 25,000 men in the Colonies, to be joined by 5000 more from England, so that in the spring they could commence operations, and extirpate the French—regrets to hear that Sir John was wounded on the fatal day of Braddock's disaster. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 5. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Sir Cha's Hardy, Governor of New York—Congratulating him on his arrival. Copy. Belcher Papers.

Gov'r Hardy arrived Sept. 2d, 1755.]

Sept. 7. New York. Letter from Mr. Pownall to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of his commission as Lieut. Gov'r of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 14. Original. 1 folio.

[Sept. 7. Oswego. Letter from Capt. Wm. Skinner, of the

New Jersey troops, to his brother Cortlandt Skinner, of Perth Amboy—Giving an account of the health of the regiment—his expectation of going upon active service—disturbances in Shirley's regiment—a fort being built on "the east side of the river upon a hill which commands the Lake, * * so that it will be impossible to hurt us when that's finished." Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Sept. 17. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of the Order of Council of 13th May, rejecting the petition of the Assembly of New Jersey in favor of their bill for emitting £70,000 in paper currency, which order will be communicated to the Council and Assembly of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 15. Orig'l. 2 folios.

[Copy of this in Belcher Papers.]

Sept. 17. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Secr. of State, Sir T. Robinson—Acknowledges the receipt of his letters, in which he is glad to observe that Admiral Boscawen is sent with a squadron of ships of war to protect the North American Colonies—the Assembly made ample provision in support of a regiment of 500 men till May next—proposes the raising of 25,000 men out of the 13 Provinces, and 5000 British Regulars to incorporate with them, with the assistance of the squadron of ships to reduce Quebec by May next. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 69. Original. 8 folios.

[Copy of this, so far as it refers to New Jersey, in Belcher Papers. The whole despatch in Mass. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Sept. 17. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Advising him to be watchful at the offices against any attempt to appoint a Lieut. Gov'r for New Jersey—"when you think it may be of service, it will be well to put my speeches into the public prints." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Sept. 18. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Sir Thomas Robinson, enclosing a representation to the King upon the expediency of establishing packet boats between England and the North American Colonies. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 426. Entry. 6 folios.

Sept. 19. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in America, directing them to send an account of the forts and fortifications, ordnance, stores of war, and number of inhabitants in each colony and island under their respective Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 429. Entry. 4 folios.

[Sept. 19. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Pownall (in New York)—Congratulating him on his being appointed Lieut. Gov'r of New Jersey (see Sept. 17)—had summoned the Council to meet

on the 22d, in order to his qualification before them—hopes Mr. Alexander will come with him. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 19. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew, Mr. Oliver—Gov'r Fitch gives information of 1500 additional troops from Connecticut, and there were to be 2000 more from Massachusetts to reinforce Gov'r Johnson—hopes it may result in the reduction of Crown Point. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 20. Oswego. Account of the Province of New Jersey with Peter Schuyler, Colonel of the New Jersey regiment from June 6th to Sept. 7th, 1755, showing a balance due him of £294 16s. 4½d. Original copy with autograph. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Sept. 27. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Colonel Dunbar —Had just received intelligence by the hands of Sir John St. Clair, that the troops under his command would reach Trenton from Philadelphia on 1st October—had issued orders to have them supplied with provisions and carriages, and should expedite his march to Amboy. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Sept. 27. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Yard, one of the New Jersey Commissioners, for furnishing supplies, &c.—Mr. Johnston, of Amboy, and Sir John St. Clair, then with him—the latter stated that Colonel Dunbar, with near 1700 men, officers included, would require 37 wagons for his baggage, 21 horses for the cannon and ammunition wagons, 90 saddle horses, and 1lb. meat and 1lb. of biscuit or flour per day for each man—all possible despatch to be made to furnish these supplies. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 1. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Secr. Read—Directing him to summon the Assembly to meet at Elizabethtown on 6th November—complains of the delay of Mr. Bradford in printing the Laws and Journals of the previous session. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 2. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Hardy—Drawing his attention, at the request of the Council, to the long-pending controversy relative to the Boundary between New York and New Jersey. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 3. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Colonel Schuyler—Thanking him for a present of venison, the produce of his own Park. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 14. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to (Mr. Alexander ?) —Would write to the Lords of Trade in relation to Boundary Line —as New York had taken off the prohibition against the exportation of provisions, he would do the same. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 16. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lieut. Gov'r Dinwiddie—In relation to the movement of Colonel Dunbar's troops—the example of his Province in raising 1000 men for its defence—a

handsome example to the others—Gov'r Johnson had behaved bravely in the recent action (at Lake George)—they had at Albany 2000 men, at Oswego upwards of 2000, with Gen. Johnson 6000—but he understood all further operations were to cease. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 17. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Treasurers Johnston and Smith—Calling upon them for their accounts to be transmitted to England. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Oct. 17. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Collector Barberrie, Perth Amboy—Informing him of the revocation of the embargo upon provisions. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Oct. 21. Gen'l Post Office. Letter from the Postmaster General to the Board of Trade—Acquainting them that, in obedience to the King's commands, vessels are provided for the carrying on a regular monthly correspondence with the American Colonies. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 130. Orig'l. 7 folios.

[Nov. 3. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Rev. George Whitefield—Nassau Hall erected and roofed, and to be finished with all expedition. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade (signed by Mr. Secr. Pownall) to all the Governors in America, informing them that packet boats are established between Falmouth and New York for carrying on a regular correspondence. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 435. Entry. 3 folios.

[Nov. 4. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Sir T. Robinson—The withdrawal of the French and English Ministers from their respective courts afforded reason to anticipate an open rupture between the two nations—should notify the people of New Jersey—should conform to the instructions making known the appointment of Major General Shirley to the command of the forces in America—had received intelligence the night before from Governor Morris of Pennsylvania, of the reported march of 1500 French and Indians against the frontiers of Virginia and Penn'a—refers to what he had previously written in relation to the necessity of taking Quebec. Copy Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 4. Message from Governor Morris to the Assembly of Pennsylvania—Had called them together in consequence of the encroachments of French and Indians on the frontiers—urges them to promptness in making provisions for the defence of the Province. Original draft and fair copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Nov. 5. Message from Governor Morris to the Assembly of Pennsylvania—Further intelligence received from the Indians—the settlements at the Great Cove destroyed. Original copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Nov. 5. New Jersey. Accounts of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasurers of the Eastern and Western Divisions of New Jersey from April, 1754, to November, 1755. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 19 & 20. Original. 21 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, Dec. 6, 1755.

[Nov. 5. Message from the Assembly of Pennsylvania to Governor Morris—Enquiring as to the information he may have relative to the disposition of different tribes of Indians. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Nov. 6. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Morris—Acknowledging the receipt of his various despatches relative to the approach of the French and Indians—would lay the information before the Assembly, but they would scarcely think it reasonable to send them to the protection of Pennsylvania, when that Province would do nothing for its own defence—there were no arms in New Jersey belonging to the Crown, and but very few belonging to the inhabitants—suggests an application to Gov'r Shirley for a portion of his forces. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 6. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Colonel Allen—Had sent by expresses to every Colonel in the Province his orders to muster their regiments, and have them in readiness for service—(see below.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 6. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Colonel Andrew Johnston—Having received advice from Governor Morris of Pennsylvania of the near approach of the French and Indians, he directs the mustering the regiment of militia in Middlesex County, and an examination into their equipment, &c., and that they be kept in readiness to march with all possible despatch to repel any invasion—(the same to Colonels Abraham Van Campen, of Sussex; John Low, of Essex; Joseph Stout, of Hunterdon; Nicholas Gibbon, of Cumberland and Cape May; Joseph Tuttle, of Morris; Charles Read, of Burlington; Cornelius Van Horne, of Somerset; John Read, of Monmouth; and John Schuyler, of Bergen.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Nov. 7. General Post Office. Letter from the Postmaster General to the Board of Trade—That they recommend to the Governors and Chief Officers in America to assist the Captains of the packet boats appointed to carry the monthly correspondence. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 131. Original. 3 folios.

[Nov. 8. Message from Gov'r Morris to the Assembly of Pennsylvania—Censuring them for delay in furthering his views—intended to start for the back counties, taking a quorum of the Council with him. Original copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Nov. 10. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lieut. Governor

Pownall—Expressing some disapprobation at being overlooked by Gov'r Shirley, when sending notifications to other Governors to meet in Congress—encloses an affidavit relative to the approach of French and Indians—believes the Moravians are "snakes in the grass, and enemies to King George." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 10. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Gov'r Morris—Is sorry at the position Gov'r M. is placed in—threatened by the enemy, and without men, money, or arms—thinks the wisest course for the Proprietors to pursue, would be to invite the King to take the Government into his own hand—"the present constitution seems to me to stand upon a very farraginous system"—the enemy would meet with a warm reception should they attempt to invade New Jersey—should his suspicions of the loyalty of the Moravians be confirmed, he should direct all their arms, ammunition, and public papers to be seized. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 10. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. James—Relative to the purchase of servants; would not have married people, if they could be obtained for nothing—had bought a German two years before for a coachman and gardener, to serve five years for £16 17s. 0d York money. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 10. John Reading, President of Council of West Jersey Proprietors, to James Alexander, New York—Relative to a deed for lands purchased from the Indians in the northern part of the State in his possession, dated Nov. 1st, 1714, which was not on record—presumed to be the fifth of the series referred to in the extracts from the Minutes of Proprietors, 1709, April 1, &c., (which date see.) Original. Rutherfurd West Jersey Papers.]

[Nov. 10. Message from Governor Morris to the Assembly of Pennsylvania—Urging attention to the Indian affairs of the Province. Original draft partly written in another hand. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Nov. 11. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Van Campen—Approves of his resolution to march his regiment into Pennsylvania to meet and repel the enemy, should they appear, before they should reach the frontiers of New Jersey. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 13. Elizabethtown. Message of Gov'r Belcher to the Council and Assembly, on the opening of the session. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 14. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to the Assembly—Reminding them that there is no provision made for incidental expenses of the Government, sending expresses, &c. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in America, requiring them to give all possible assistance to the Commanders of the packet boats at their several

Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 437. Entry. 3 folios.

[Nov. 17. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to President Burr—The affairs of the College wearing an unfavorable complexion for want of money—from several sources only 1700 pounds *proc.* might be expected, and they might be brought to a stand. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 19. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Gordon of Penn'a—Detailing what he had done towards repelling the enemy should they advance. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 20. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Governor Hopkins—His broken health would not allow of his attending the Convention of Commissioners appointed by General Shirley, to meet in New York the latter end of the month—he had desired Lieut. Gov'r Pownall to represent him. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 20. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to General Shirley—Thinks they are playing a small game at a vast expense of blood and treasure—instead of attacking the enemy's small forts, they had better attempt their Capital on this Continent—did not think it would prove difficult to raise 30,000 men in the Colonies, if the Crown would furnish the money—"if we would hew the tree down effectually, the sacred pages tell us, we must lay the axe to the root"—the coming year would test the ascendency of the French or English arms in North America, "which, in time to come, will be a glorious empire"—would not be able to attend the meeting of Commissioners in New York; but as Barzillai asked David to accept Chimham in his place, so he wished to have Mr. Pownall permitted to represent him—wishes to have the Minutes of the Council of War at Oswego sent to him—thinks the Assembly will consent to continue Col. Schuyler and his regiment on the frontier—had met his Assembly on the 12th, and laid his letter before them, but they had not appointed a commission, as recommended. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 21. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lieut. Governor Pownall—Requesting him to attend the Convention in New York in his stead. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 22. Elizabethtown. Governor Belcher to Colonel Ford—Agrees with him in the propriety of enquiring into the correctness of the reports relative to the stories about Indians, and if false, the propagators should be punished—the plan of bringing all the strolling Indians to Elizabethtown would be attended with great inconvenience and expense, for which there was no provision. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 24. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Van Campen—Thanking him for information relative to the position of affairs in

Sussex with respect to the enemy—had given notice to the several Colonels to muster their regiments and repel the enemy now in Pennsylvania, so as to prevent their crossing the Delaware. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 25. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lieut. Gov'r Morris—Disapproves of having the French neutrals admitted into the Colonies—coincides in opinion with Gov'r M., that they would readily join with the Irish Roman Catholics, to the injury of the Colonies. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 25. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lieut. Gov'r Dinwiddie—Had he been at the late Council of War, he would not have consented to the withdrawal of Col. Dunbar and 1600 men from Fort Cumberland, by long and tedious marches, to parade all winter in Albany—Gov'r Morris informs him under date of 17th Nov., that the enemy had crossed the Susquehannah, and attacked one of the finest settlements in Pennsylvania—thought a successful attempt might have been made on Crown Point—one of the most glorious campaigns of the Duke of Marlborough was made in a severe winter —by the last advices from England it was uncertain when war would be declared. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 25. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Andrew Johnston—Repeated advices of the approach of the French and Indians, render it necessary that his regiment should be in readiness to march to the borders of the Province or of Pennsylvania, upon notice of their coming—(similar orders to all the other Colonels.) Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 26. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Joseph Tuttle of Morris, Col. John Schuyler of Bergen, Col. John Low of Essex, and Col. Joseph Stout of Hunterdon—Orders to muster their respective regiments and march with them towards the Delaware to repel the enemy, having just received intelligence that the French and Indians had burned a town at the Forks of Delaware, and murdered the people. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 27. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Sewall—Had received his letter by Mesrs. Noyes and Pierce, two young gentlemen, and had given them a letter of recommendation to President Burr, from whom he had received good accounts respecting them—the College then under "a good regime"—he can boldly recommend it. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 27. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew P. Oliver, Boston—Alludes to the pleasure a recent visit from him and his wife had afforded him—the ease of his administration—if the office were elective nineteen in twenty would vote for him—thanks God that he has been enabled to keep his hands empty and clean, and his fingers from all corruption—had consulted Mr. Ogden of Newark,

and his cousin, Mr. Robert Ogden, about supplying him (Oliver) with twenty tons of pig iron—finally consented on the terms proposed, and if he was punctual, Ogden would supply him with 90 or 100 tons yearly, but if he could get ore it would be better for him to cast his own pigs. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 27. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Smith—"The amazing earthquake you mention was felt at New York and in this and the neighbouring towns, about the same hour it was with you." Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 28. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Anderson—Col. Stout and Col. Van Campen were raising men, and nearly 3000 had marched the day before from Morris County, and Col. Low of Essex, and Col. Schuyler of Bergen, are to march on Monday, Dec. 1, with 500 more—and he hoped a body of 2000 men would soon be ready to give the enemy a warm reception—as to a garrison, it must be kept up by the Assembly, and the firelocks and ammunition also must be supplied by them—should call them together as soon as possible. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 28. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Johnston and other Colonels—Directing the execution without delay of his orders of the 12th Nov. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 29. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Joseph Tuttle—Relative to the defence of the frontier. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Nov. 30. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Schuyler and Col. Low—Directing them to proceed with all possible despatch to the frontier, with the three northernmost companies of Essex County—had received a particular account of the number of the enemy that had done the mischief at Minisink. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 1. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lieut. Gov'r Morris—Referring to the recent proceedings on the frontier. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 3. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Secr. Read—Directing him to call a meeting of the Council at Elizabethtown, Dec. 15th. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 3. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. John Low of Essex—Orders to command one Captain and one Subaltern to march with fifty men to the house of Col. Abraham Van Campen of Sussex—there to place themselves under such Commander-in-Chief as he might appoint. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Similar orders to Col. Van Horne, of Somerset, for 40 men; Col. Stout, of Hunterdon, for 60; Col. Johnston, of Middlesex, for 45; Col. Tuttle, of Morris, for 40; and Col. Schuyler, of Bergen, for 30 men.]

[Dec. 4. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Gen. Shirley—Had received from him the Minutes of the Council of War held at Oswego—would attend the proposed conference of the Governors, to be held at New York, if his health permitted—Lieut. Gov'r Pownall would attend—hopes arrangements may be made for taking the field early—had Gen. Braddock been at Fort Duquesne a month or six weeks sooner, he and the troops would not have met with the defeat they did—was taking every step for the protection of N. Jersey —Lieut. Gov'r Pownall, who had met with the Council the day before, would give the particulars. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 4. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Sir Charles Hardy, Governor of New York—Will co-operate with him in endeavoring to have the differences between the two Provinces, relative to their boundary, settled—mentions what had been done by New Jersey for the defence of the frontier on the Delaware—forts and block-houses to be erected—requests co-operation of New York in sending persons to select the proper sites. A postscript states that Col. Schuyler had returned from Minisink, and reported that the affair at that point was a mistaken alarm—that no enemy had been seen there. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Dec. 5. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher's answers to the queries from the Board of Trade, with regard to the state of defence of the Province of New Jersey, the number of the inhabitants, and the state of the militia. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 18. Original. 5 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade, Dec. 6, 1755.

Dec. 6. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Secr. Pownall—Informs that an answer to the queries about the State of New Jersey is transmitted to the Board of Trade. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 16. Original. 1 folio.

Dec. 6. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—The Assembly of New Jersey did their duty in raising 500 men for the Canadian expedition—the Governor of New York wrote to Gov'r Belcher, that he had received the King's instructions to bring the long controverted line between New Jersey and New York to a final settlement—sends answer to the queries about the state of the Province—also several Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, Minutes of Council, Journals of the Assembly, the Treasurer's and other accounts. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 17. Original. 9 folios, (without enclosures.)

[Copy of this in Belcher Papers, Mass. Hist. Soc. MSS.; and part of it in N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Dec. 8. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Russell, (of Sussex ?)—Had received a petition from Sussex County, as well as

others from different parts of the Province, which he should lay before the Assembly on the 15th—had procured from the Council an Ordinance directing the Courts of Sussex thereafter to be held at Justice Woolverton's. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 8. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lord Hardwicke—Thanking him for the honor done him in accepting a horse sent through Mr. Partridge—Lord Orford had been recommended to use a pacing horse for "the gravel"—hoped his Lordship felt no "such ail"—wishes to be allowed to send any North American exotics that might be designated by his Lordship's gardener—refers to the defeat of Braddock—apprehends that France will obtain possession of all the Colonies unless the whole of Canada is reduced—suggestions as to the course to be pursued to effect this. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 10. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Richard Partridge—Had observed that Mr. Wm. Aisleby [Aisley] was appointed Chief Justice of the Province—hoped he would have a good salary from the Crown, as the Assembly only appropriated £25 sterling per annum—the Assembly had made provision for his [P.'s] bill—urges him to be vigilant at the public offices to detect any movement adverse to his interests—his son, the Chief Justice of Nova Scotia, had arrived at Elizabethtown the day before on a visit. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 12. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Secr. Read—Disapproves of the course of Richard Salter and Wm. Morris, Justices of the Peace at Trenton, in committing a number of Susquehannah and Delaware Indians to jail—as they belong to Pennsylvania, encloses an order for their delivery to the Government of that Province—the Governor had called upon him two days before on his way to New York—had adjourned Gloucester Court—hopes the Assembly will grant the requisite relief to the people on the frontier—sent by express, which was "to ride night and day." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 13. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Van Campen—Acknowledges the receipt of information from him as to the mischief done by the Indians in Philadelphia—if Pennsylvanians will not protect themselves, they could not expect "that this poor little Province should do it for them." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 16. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to the Council and Assembly—His address at the opening of the session—referring entirely to the dangers anticipated from the Indians. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 17. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Gen. Shirley—Sends him a copy of an address from the Assembly by the hands of two of the members, [Messrs. Stevens and Johnston,] relating to the

employment of the New Jersey regiment upon the frontiers of the Province until wanted elsewhere. See Dec. 20. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 17. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to his son Andrew Belcher—Acknowledging the receipt of a letter of the 9th, informing him of the preservation of himself and family "in the time of the late awful and amazing Earthquake"—his brother from Nova Scotia would probably remain all winter in New Jersey—a vessel had been cast away on the back of Cape Cod, which would give his son £300 sterling in perquisites. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 17. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to his daughter Mrs. Lyde—Relating to family matters. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 17. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Col. Van Horne—Approving of his course relative to the drafting of men for the defence of the frontier. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 18. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Walley—Alludes to the reception of Whitefield at Boston, and to his journey Southward to Georgia. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 18. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to his nephew, Mr. Oliver—Advice relative to his endeavors to obtain office—thinks the pursuit will be attended with much uncertainty, and "some charge at home, where there are constantly ten gapers, always ready to swallow down every thing." Copy. Belcher Papers.]

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Letter from the Secr. of State (R't Hon. H. Fox,) to the Board of Trade—Enclosing the copy of an Address from the House of Lords to the King, for copies of several papers relating to French encroachments in America, desiring to have copies of such papers. S. P.O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 132. Original. 3 folios.

[Dec. 20. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Consul Dean—Mr. Davies on his return had informed him of the interest manifested by Mr. D. for their College—for which he returns his thanks—the generous benefactions received in England had enabled them to progress with the building, which he hoped would be ready for students the next year—his paralytic disorder was increasing upon him—then 74 years old. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 20. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to the Council and Assembly—Communicating the answer of Gen. Shirley to his letter of 17th Dec.—the General applauds the patriotism and zeal of the Assembly of New Jersey—speaks in high praise of Col. Schuyler—who had been instructed to employ the New Jersey regiment as might be most needed until the 1st March, when it would be time for it to march to Albany. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 23. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lieut. Governor

Pownall—Granting leave of absence for six months to visit England to settle his private affairs. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 23. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to the Council and Assembly—Asking, at the suggestion of Gen. Shirley, for additional forces, to be raised by New Jersey, and transmitting a copy of a letter from Col. Dunbar, returning thanks for the attention received by himself and his troops on their way through the Province, from Trenton to Amboy. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 23. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Lord Halifax—Asking for the continuance in office of Cortlandt Skinner, the Att. General of the Province, as he had learned some exertions were being used to have him supplanted. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

[Dec. 26. Elizabethtown. Gov'r Belcher to Gen. Shirley—Approving of the plan marked out for the ensuing campaign—no probability of any augmentation to the forces of New Jersey—reference to a pretended right of Lieut. Gov'r Pownall to sit in the Congress of Governors at New York—condoles with him on the loss of two sons. Copy. Belcher Papers.]

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Jan. 2. Whitehall. Letter from the Secr. of State (R't Hon. H. Fox,) to the Board of Trade—Desiring to know what sum of money it may be proper to ask of Parliament for the Colonies in North America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 133. Original. 1 folio.

Jan. 9. Crosswicks. A Treaty between the Government of N. Jersey and the Indians, inhabiting the several parts of said Province, held at Crosswicks, in the County of Burlington, on Thursday and Friday, the 8th and 9th day of Jan., 1756—Philadelphia, printed by Wm. Bradford, printer to the Province of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 23. 50 folios.

Jan. 16. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Mr. Secr. Fox, (Secr. of State,) acquainting him what sum it may be proper to ask of Parliament for the assistance of His Majesty's subjects in North America, in consideration of the expenses which they have been at on account of the three expeditions which have been carried on against Canada. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 438. Entry. 11 folios.

Feb. 5. Treasury Chambers. Letter from Mr. Hardinge, Secr. to the Lords of the Treasury, to the Board of Trade, signifying their Lordships' desire that the Board would consider what part of the money granted by Parliament, for the assistance and encouragement of the four New England Colonies, New York and New Jersey, may be properly allotted to each Colony. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 134. Original. 4 folios.

Feb. 11. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the

Board of Trade—The Assembly of New Jersey met on the 16th of Dec.—sends several public papers—four small forts have been built on the frontiers, and 250 men are placed in them—before the forts were built, sometimes a thousand and sometimes fifteen hundred men were patrolling and ranging the woods on the frontiers. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 22. Original. 5 folios.

Feb. 11. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Secr. Pownall—Acknowledges the receipt of the Circular Letters of 4th and 14th of Nov. last, and promises to give all possible countenance and assistance to the Captains of the packet boats. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 21. Original. 2 folios.

Feb. 12. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Treasury—Recommending a certain allotment to be made to the Colonies in North America, (£5000 to New Jersey,) out of £115,000 granted by Parliament as a free gift and reward for their past services, and an encouragement to them to continue to exert themselves with vigor in defence of His Majesty's just rights and pretensions. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 43, p. 443. Entry. 8 folios.

Feb. 17. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Belcher—The spirited conduct of the people of New Jersey in the defence of America and for distressing the enemy, is commended—the Earl of Loudoun is appointed Commander-in-Chief of all the forces in America. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 5. Entry. 5 folios.

March 13. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State, R't Hon'ble H. Fox, to the Governors in North America—The assistance to be given to the Earl of Loudoun, and the troops sent from England—to call the Council and Assembly, and to urge upon them to make provision for augmenting the regiments—the recruits are to serve only in North America; they or their widows and children to have 200 acres of land free from the quit-rent for ten years—the Parliament granted £115,000 for the North American Colonies—each Province to raise the same number of men as they did last year; their pay, arms and clothing, to be found by the Province; the provisions will be at the sole expense of the Crown—the Assemblies to make provision for repaying the masters of such indented servants as shall engage in the service, and to appropriate a fund for the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 75. Draft. 10 folios.

March 13. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State to the Governors in N. America—The Governors are to correspond with Col. Webb until the arrival of the Earl of Loudoun—to encourage foreign Protestants to enter into the King's service—to inform the Commander-in-Chief of the real state of defence of each Colony, and the quantity of ordnance and stores of war. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 75. Draft. 7 folios.

April 23. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—The Hon'ble James Alexander, one of the Council of New Jersey, died on the 2d of April—Mr. William Alexander, his only son, is recommended to fill the vacancy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 26. Original. 2 folios.

[William Alexander, afrerwards known as Earl of Stirling, (by courtesy,) Major General in the Continental Army. See "Collections New Jersey Hist. Soc." Vol. II., for his Life by his Grandson, Wm. Alexander Duer, LL. D. See also Stirling MSS. in N. Y. Hist Soc. Library, and copies among N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS., many of which are printed in the Proceedings of the Society, Vols. V. VI. VII.]

April 27. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Sends Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey and other public papers—tranquillity and unanimity prevails throughout the Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 24. Original. 4 folios.

[May 4. Lancaster. Draft of a Proclamation for a Fast (on 17th May) in Pennsylvania—Corrections and interlineations by Governor Morris. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

May 11. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Belcher—Directing that in case his age and infirmity make it very painful and hazardous, if not impracticable, to attend the meetings of His Maj'ty's Gov'rs, appointed by the Earl of Loudoun, he would depute Mr. Pownall, the Lieut. Gov'r, to act in his stead. S. P.O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 7. Entry. 3 folios.

May 11. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King on the present state of defence of the Colonies in North America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 44, p. 41. Entry (relative to N. Jersey.) 5 folios.

May 25. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing that an additional instruction be given to all the Governors in America, directing them to hinder all correspondence with the French, and to prevent their being supplied from any of the Colonies with provisions or warlike stores of any kind. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 94. Entry. 3 folios.

May 27. Whitehall. Order of Council directing the Board of Trade to prepare drafts of additional instructions for the Governors of several Colonies in America, directing them to use their utmost endeavours to hinder all correspondence between the British and French. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 136. Orig'l. 3 folios.

June 1. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing an additional instruction to the Governors in America, proposed in their representation of the 25th of May last. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 44, p. 95. Entry. 7 folios.

June 15. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of several letters—glad to find that the conduct of the people of New Jersey is approved of—Lord Loudoun shall meet with every assistance that lays within his power—the Assembly of New Jersey met from 20th May to 2d June, and their proceedings were unanimous. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 28. Original. 5 folios.

June 16. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to Mr. Secr. Fox—Acknowledges the receipt of his letters—when the Earl of Loudoun arrives, he will correspond with him, as was done formerly with Gen'l Braddock—he will call the Council and Assembly of New Jersey, and urge upon them the necessity to assist the officers in recruiting the regiments in N. America—the Assembly are grateful to hear that they may expect a grant of money—they passed an Act to prohibit exportation of provisions—until the arrival of the Earl of Loudoun or Gen'l Abercrombie, he will correspond with Col. Webb—he will assist to raise troops among certain foreign Protestants settled in N. America. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 70. Original. 6 folios.

June 30. Kensington. Order in Council directing that certain copies of commissions and instructions be sent to the several Governors in America, for their guidance during the present war with France. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 145. Orig'l. 3 folios.

June 30. Kensington. Order of Council approving the draft of instructions to the Gov'rs of the several Colonies in America, directing them to use their utmost endeavours to hinder all correspondence between the British and French. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 146. Copy. 2 folios.

July 13. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing that instructions be given to the several Governors in America, requiring them strictly to observe in the Letters of Marque, &c., which they shall grant, the regulations prescribed by His Majesty's commission to the Lords of the Admiralty. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 44, p. 102. Entry. 4 folios.

July 17. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Transmits the Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey and several other public papers. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 30. Original. 2 folios.

July 27. London. Letter from Mr. Partridge to Mr. Secr. Pownall—Communicates an extract from Gov'r Belcher's letter, acquainting him of the tranquil state of the Province of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 25. Original. 1 folio.

Aug. 12. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the R't Hon'ble H. Fox, Secr. of State—The proceedings of the Assem-

bly of New Jersey are sent to the Board of Trade—he received, through the care of the Earl of Loudoun, declaration of war ag'st the French King, which was published in three principal towns—several privateers are fitting out from the ports in New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 70. Original. 4 folios.

Aug. 12. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Pursuant to the letter from the Board of 11th May last, he empowered Lieut. Gov'r Pownall to attend the meetings of the Governors, whenever such were ordered by the Commander-in-Chief, the Earl of Loudoun. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 29. Original. 3 folios.

[Aug. 18. Fort Eagle, New York. Capt. John Parker to his brother, James Parker—Preparing for an attack—"Jack Parker will never be taken in this poor little *footy* fort, without losing more than five," (the number lost at Oswego,) "if all the force that was at Oswego comes against him." Original. Whitehead MSS.

For notice of Capt. Parker, see "Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 130.]

[Notes for a Memorial detailing the services of Peter Schuyler, Colonel of the New Jersey troops on the northern frontier, in the handwriting of William Alexander. Original draft. Rutherfurd MSS.]

[Aug. 25. Albany. Letter from Captain James Parker to his brother, Lewis Parker, at Perth Amboy—Informing him of the apprehensions felt for the safety of Oswego, &c. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Sept. 1. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Complains of the dilatory proceedings of the Assembly of New York, with regard to the settling of the Boundary Line between that Province and New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 31. Original. 4 folios.

Enclosing petition of the Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey, respecting the Boundary Line between New York and New Jersey. Copy. 9 folios.

Sept. 17. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the R't Hon'ble H. Fox, Secr. of State—The strictest obedience shall be paid to the King's commands respecting any prisoners that may be put on shore in New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 70. Original. 1 folio.

Oct. 2. Letter from Mr. Secretary Fox to the Board of Trade—That instructions be sent to the Governors in America, relative to the embargo to be laid on the exportation of provisions. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 144. Original. 3 folios.

Oct. 9. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board to all the Governors in North America, directing them to lay an embargo upon

all ships and vessels bound to neutral ports with provisions. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 44, p. 123. Entry. 15 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 162.]

Oct. 30. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Transmits Minutes of Council of New Jersey, Journals of the Assembly and other public papers—the things in the American Colonies seem to wear a gloomy complexion. S. P. O. B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 34. Original. 4 folios.

Oct. New Jersey. The Treasurers' of East and West New Jersey accounts from Nov., 1755, to October, 1756. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 35 & 36. Original. 20 folios.

Nov. 19. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—John Rodman, Esq., of the Council of New Jersey, died few months ago, and Samuel Woodruff, Esq., is recommended to be appointed to fill the vacancy at the Board. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 37. Original. 2 folios.

Nov. 24. Whitehall. Order of Council referring to the consideration of the Board of Trade the petition of the Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New Jersey, respecting the settlement of the Boundary Line between that Province and New York—(the same pet'n as transmitted in Gov'r Belcher's letter to the Board of Trade of 1st Sept., 1756.) S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 33. Original. 4 folios.

[Copy of this among Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

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Jan. 13. Elizabethtown. A proclamation of Jonathan Belcher, Gov'r of New Jersey, laying an embargo on all ships and vessels laden or to be laden with provisions, and clearing out of New Jersey's ports to any neutral ports, &c. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 42. Printed Broadside. 6 folios.

Enclosed in the following.

Jan. 21. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of the letter of the 9th of Oct., and encloses a proclamation of embargo, issued in the Province of New Jersey, pursuant to the above-named letter. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 40. Original. 2 folios.

Jan. 27. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Lords Committee of the Privy Council, upon the petition of the Proprietors of East New Jersey, recommending that the line of division between that Province and New York, fixed in 1719, should remain the line of jurisdiction between the two Provinces, until another be run, under a commission to be issued from the King, and that the regulations prescribed by Order of Council, dated the

25th of May, 1738, be observed. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 8. Entry. 18 folios.

[See Nov. 24th, 1756. A copy of this among Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

Feb. 1. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Transmits Minutes of Council and Journals of the Assembly of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 41. Original. 1 folio.

Feb. 4. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State, W. Pitt, Esq., to the Gov'rs of Northern Provinces in America, desiring them to call immediately their Councils and Assemblies, and press them in the strongest manner to raise, with the utmost expedition, a number of provincial troops to act on the offensive against the French. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 75. Draft. 4 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 216.]

Feb. 9. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending William Aynsley, Esq., to be appointed Chief Justice of the Province of New Jersey, in the room of Robert Hunter Morris, Esq., resigned. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 16. Entry. 1 folio.

[Feb. 9. Memorandum received by Wm. Alexander from Ferd. John Paris, relating to the procuring of affidavits as to the impropriety of certain Councillors of different Provincial Governments sitting as Commissioners for the final determination of the Boundary difficulties between New York and New Jersey. Orig'l. Whitehead MSS.]

Enclosed in letter of Feb. 12th below.

Feb. 9. Elizabethtown. Letter from Governor Belcher to Mr. Secretary Pitt—Has received his letter of 7th December—congratulations on his appointment of Secretary of State—thanks him for the King's Speech to Parliament, and the Addresses in answer thereto. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 70. Orig'l. 3 folios.

[Feb. 12. London. Letter from William Alexander (before his assumption of the title of Earl of Stirling) to Robert Hunter Morris—Narrating the progress made in settling the Boundary Line between New York and East Jersey before the Board of Trade. Original memorandum, Feb. 9th, enclosed. Whitehead MSS.]

Feb. 16. St. James'. Order of Council appointing William Aynsley, Esq., to be Chief Justice of the Province of New Jersey, in the room of Robert Hunter Morris, Esq., resigned. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 38. Original. 2 folios.

Feb. 17. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing Sam'l Woodruff, Esq., to supply a vacancy, in the Council of New Jersey, occasioned by the death of John Rodman, Esq. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 18. Entry. 2 folios.

Feb. 17. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with a warrant appointing William Aynsley, Esq., to be Chief Justice of the Province of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 17. Entry. 2 folios.

Feb. 19. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State, W. Pitt, to the Governors in North America, acquainting them that a squadron of ships of war is sent to North America, under the command of Rear Admiral Holburne, and directing the Governors to give him every necessary assistance that may be required of them. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 75. Draft. 4 folios.

Feb. 28. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secretary Pitt to the Board of Trade—Enclosing copy of an Address from the House of Commons to the King for an account of all mills and engines for iron or steel in the Colonies in America, and requesting same may be forthwith prepared. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, O. 149. Original. 3 folios.

March. 1. St. James'. Order of Council appointing Samuel Woodruff, Esq., to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of John Rodman, deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 39. Original. 2 folios.

March 3. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing a warrant to the Gov'r of New Jersey to admit Samuel Woodruff, Esq., to be of the Council of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 19. Entry. 2 folios.

March 7. Whitehall. Circular Letter to all the Governors in North America, enclosing copy of an Act of Parliament, prohibiting (for a limited time) the exportation of provisions, &c., from the American Colonies, except to Great Britain. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 44, p. 132. Entry. 3 folios.

March 10. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Belcher—The conduct of the Assembly of New Jersey approved—enclose a copy of their report upon the Boundary question between N. York and N. Jersey, and hope that the King's orders will put an end to all the further disputes. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 20. Entry. 5 folios.

[March 19. New York. Obadiah Wells to Rev. Mr. Bellamy —News of the revival in Nassau Hall. Copy. Pres'n Hist. Soc. Papers, Phil'a.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

May 2. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State, the Earl of Holdernesse, to the Governors in North America—The crops of corn having last year greatly failed in Great Britain and Ireland, the Gov'rs are directed to take off an embargo, which shall be laid on from all vessels loaded with corn or any other species of

grain for England or Ireland, and that no future embargo do extend to vessels so loaded. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 75. Draft. 3 folios.

May 11. Elizabethtown. Letter from Governor Belcher to Mr. Secretary Pitt—Has summoned the Council and Assembly to meet as soon as possible, when he will press them to comply with the contents of his letter of the 4th Feb. last—must, however, observe that the Assembly of New Jersey have already granted 500 men for the service of the ensuing campaign, over and above those necessary for the defence of the Province—Lord Loudoun required 1000—the Assembly refused to raise so many—will use all his influence for the King's service. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 71. Duplicate. 6 folios.

May 11. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Sends Acts and Journals of the Assembly of New Jersey and the Minutes of Council. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 43. Original. 2 folios.

May 16. Elizabethtown. Letter from Governor Belcher to Mr. Secretary Pitt—Has received his letter of 19th February—will communicate to Rear Admiral Holburn as occasion may require, in case of wanting naval assistance, or otherwise—few, if any, seamen can be raised in "the little inland Province" of New Jersey, in which there is little or no navigation or trade. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 71. Original. 4 folios.

[May 17. London. Letter from Capt. William Skinner to his father, Rev. Wm. Skinner, of Perth Amboy—Had come from France on his parole (having been taken prisoner at Oswego August, 1756) —endeavouring, through Lady Warren,* to get exchanged—interviews with Mr. Partridge, the Provincial Agent, Lord Barrington, &c. Orig'l. Whitehead MSS.]

[*Admiral Warren married Miss De Lancey, of New York.]

May 20. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State to the Gov'rs in North America—In consequence of some of the privateers being guilty of piracy, the Gov'rs are directed to arrest them should they touch any of the ports, and that every privateer be furnished with a copy of instructions as to their conduct at sea. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 75. Draft. 5 folios.

June 3. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade (signed by Mr. Secr. Pownall) to all the Governors in America, enclosing copies of resolutions of the House of Commons of the 23d of May, 1757. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 44, p. 136. Entry. 2 folios.

See the Answer—L't Gov'r Pownall to Mr. Secr. Pownall, Sept. 23, 1757.

June 9. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade

to all the Governors in America, requiring an account of the quantity of iron made in the Colonies from Christmas, 1749, to 5th Jan., 1756, to be laid before the House of Commons. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 44, p. 137. Entry. 2 folios.

June 25. Fort Johnson. Letter from Sir William Johnson to the Board of Trade—An account of his proceedings with the Six Nations of Indians, and his efforts to make a peace with the Delaware and Shawanese, and the Provinces of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 16, p. 2. Original. 16 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VII. p. 227.]

[June 28. Elizabethtown. Letter from Governor Belcher to Cortlandt Skinner, Attorney General—Referring to the prosecution of a Custom's Bond for an infraction of the navigation laws by Wm. Luce, master of the schooner Charming Betsy, on a voyage to St. Kitts, with other documents referring thereto. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

July 21. Elizabethtown. Letter from Gov'r Belcher to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of the Act of Parliament, relative to the exportation of corn, &c.—believes that the proclamation, issued by him on the 13th of January last, answers, in a great measure, the intent of that Act. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 44. Original. 2 folios.

July 26. Elizabethtown. Letter from Governor Belcher to Secretary the Earl of Holdernesse—Has received his Lordship's letter of 2d May last—will pay due attention to the regulations for the shipment of any species of grain for Great Britain—that no embargo be laid on vessels so loaded—has also received his letter of the 20th May, with the papers concerning Richard Hadden and Snook, captains of privateers. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 71. Original. 7 folios.

July 26. Elizabethtown. Letter from Governor Belcher to the Board of Trade—In a late session the Assembly would not exert themselves in the King's service, which Lord Loudoun so reasonably pressed upon them—hopes that the Board's report of the 27th of January last, relative to the disputed Boundaries between New Jersey and New York, will put an end to the dispute now subsisting —Mr. Woodruff admitted to sit in the Council—sends public papers. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 45. Orig'l. 6 folios.

[Aug. 9. Albany. Letter from Lieut. Gov'r James De Lancey to the Council of New York—Fort William Henry still gallantly defended—necessity for reinforcements. Certified copy transmitted to Governor of Pennsylvania. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[The Fort was taken that day.]

[Sept. 2. Secretary Charles Read to Lieut. Gov'r Pownall—In-

forming him of the death of Gov'r Belcher on 31st August. Original sold at auction by Bangs Brothers in New York, March, 1854.]

[Governor Belcher died at Elizabethtown, and his remains were taken for interment to Cambridge, and his place of sepulture is known to but few persons, no stone or other memorial marking the spot. The Governor left two sons, who have been mentioned on the foregoing pages. Jonathan, the second son, (born Feb. 23d, 1710,) graduated at Harvard, 1728; studied, Law in the Temple, in London; obtained some eminence at the Dublin Bar, and after returning to America, married in Boston in 1756, a sister of Jeremiah Allen; and subsequently removed to Nova Scotia. In 1760, he was appointed Lieut. Gov'r of that Province, and the following year Chief Justice. He died March 29th, 1776, aged 65.]

[Sept. 8. London. Letter from Captain William Skinner to his brother, Cortlandt Skinner, at Perth Amboy—detailing his exertions in behalf of the Provincial troops captured at Oswego and exchanged, and then in England—had received his exchange, and been promised a commission by the King, through Lord Barrington—his brother, John Skinner, (who had also been a prisoner,) had gone as a volunteer into the regiment of Sir Wm. Boothby—Colonel Schuyler and Doctor Stakes detained at Quebec. Orig'l. Whitehead MSS.]

[See "Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 112, for notice of Captain Skinner.]

Sept. 16. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State (W. Pitt) to Gov'rs in North America—Directing them to put a stop to all depredations and irregular practices committed by the privateers, and that no Spanish ship to be disturbed or molested in their navigation. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 75. Draft. 4 folios.

Sept. 17. New Jersey. Letter from the Council of New Jersey to the Board of Trade—Referring to Mr. R. H. Morris, late Dep'ty Gov'r of Pennsylvania, for an account of the state and condition of that Province—signed by Jno. Reading, Ja. Hude, Ed. Antill, And. Johnston, Richd. Saltar, Tho. Leonard, Peter Kemble, David Ogden, and L. M. Ashfield. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 59. Original. 2 folios.

[See 1757, Sept. 26.]

Sept. 23. Trenton, New Jersey. Lieut. Gov'r Pownall to Mr. Secr. Pownall—Acknowledges the receipt of his letter of the 3rd of June, with the resolutions of the House of Commons—in the situation that the Governors of the American Colonies are at present, the bringing any of the Crown's rights into dispute with the people, is the sure way to lose them. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 47. Original. 2 folios.

Sept. 26. New York. Letter from Lieut. Gov'r Pownall to the Board of Trade—Gov'r Belcher died on the 31st of August—Mr. Reading, the oldest Councillor, would not take the administration, on account of ill health—the Government of New Jersey in great

confusion—Mr. Morris being an interested person, cannot very well be at the head of the Government—the Assembly did not inform L't Gov'r Pownall of their situation, but wrote to Lord Loudoun, who sent the letter to him—encloses copies of several letters on that subject—on the 22d of Sept., Mr. Pownall called a Council and qualified himself—his further proceedings—the inability of his attending to the administration, as he must return to Boston—should Mr. Reading, the President, die, the administration must devolve upon Mr. Morris—recommends Doctor Lewis Johnston for the next vacancy in the Council. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 48. Original, with several enclosures. 48 folios.

[His original summons of the Council, the Address of the Council, and two or three other documents, sold at New York by Bangs Brothers, March 4, 1854.]

[Oct. 7. London. Letter from William Skinner to his father at Perth Amboy—Had received a commission as Lieutenant in the regular army in Cornwallis's regiment—condition of the men of Col. Schuyler's regiment in England, and his exertions in their behalf. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[Extracts printed in "Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 116.]

Nov. 16. Whitehall. Order of Council referring to the consideration of the Board of Trade the petition of Mr. Partridge, wherein he prays that the King would direct the Gov'r of New Jersey to give his assent to a bill prepared by the House of Representatives of that Province in March last, for making current sixty thousand pounds in bills of credit, &c. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 46. Orig'l. 10 folios.

[Nov. 25. Gosport, England. Letter from William Skinner to his father at Perth Amboy—Detailing his proceedings ending in the obtainment of a commission as Lieutenant in the regular forces—audience of the King—condition of the Provincial troops—character of Partridge, the Agent of the Province—wishes a negro boy to be sent to him to be presented to a friend, &c., &c. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Dec. 30. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State (W. Pitt) to the Gov'rs in North America—Major General Abercromby is appointed Commander-in-Chief in North America, in the room of the Earl of Loudoun—Admiral Holburne is to receive from the Governors every necessary assistance. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 75. Draft. 4 folios.

Dec. 30. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State (W. Pitt) to the Gov'rs of the Mass'ts Bay, N. Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, and New Jersey—In order to repair the losses and disappointments of the last campaign, the Gov'rs are desired to use their utmost endeavours with the Council and Assembly to raise as large a body of men as they possibly can, to be ready by the 1st of May to invade Canada—the Governors are to

issue commissions to the gentlemen of their respective Provinces—the men are to be furnished with arms, ammunition, tents, and provisions by the King—the levying, clothing, and pay, are to be defrayed by each Province—to mend all the serviceable arms. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 75. Draft. 15 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 339.]

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[Manuscript extracts from papers of the day, giving an account of the taking of Louisburgh. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1758.

[Correspondence between the Governor and Assembly of the State of Penn'a, in reference to the taxation of the Proprietary estates. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Jan. 19. Sheffield. Rev. Samuel Hopkins to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—"Mr. Edwards left my house this morning, on his way to Princeton—expects not to return till next spring—alas! his mantle is gone with him, for all that I have seen of it." Copy. Pres'n Hist. Soc. Papers, Phil'a.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

Jan. 26. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing Francis Bernard, Esq., to be Gov'r of New Jersey, in the room of Jonathan Belcher, Esq., deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 23. Entry. 1 folio.

Jan. 27. St. James'. Order of Council appointing Francis Bernard, Esq., to be Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 60. Original. 2 folios.

Jan. 27. St. James'. Order of Council approving the draft of a commission for Francis Bernard, Esq., to be Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 64. Copy. 2 folios.

Jan. 31. [Qr. 21.] Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with a draft for Francis Bernard, Esq., to be Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 24. Entry. 40 folios.

Feb. 16. London. Petition of Mr. Partridge to the Board of Trade, praying the Board to report favorably upon a bill of the Assembly of New Jersey for issuing £89,000 paper currency, notwithstanding the slight inaccuracies or informalities of the said bill, considering the present dangerous situation of that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 61. Original. 6 folios.

[Feb. 20. Hanover, Va. Rev. Mr. Davis to Rev. Mr. Cowell—The death of Burr—what an illustrious triumvirate Burr, Belcher, Davenport—we may congratulate them and the world on their

transfer to more extensive usefulness—rejoices in the election of Edwards. Copy. Pres'n Hist. Soc. Papers, Phil'a.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

Feb. 21. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Privy Council, upon a petition of Richard Partridge, Esq., agent for New Jersey, of Feb. 16th, relative to the Act of Assembly of that Province for issuing £89,000 in paper currency—offering several objections against allowing the said Act. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 55. Entry. 20 folios.

Feb. 23. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with a draft of instructions for Francis Bernard, Esq., as Gov'r of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 64. Repr., entry, 11 folios; Instr., do.; 300 do. 311 folios.

N. B.—The instructions are dated 31st January, 1758. Vol. 16, p. 69.

Feb. 25. London. Memorial of Richard Partridge, agent of New Jersey, to the Board of Trade—Answering several objections made against an Act of Assembly of that Province for issuing £89,000 in paper currency. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 62. Original. 9 folios.

March 13. Whitehall. Order of Council referring to the consideration of the Board of Trade the remonstrance of Richard Partridge, Esq., agent of New Jersey, in answer to the objections against an Act of the Assembly of that Province for issuing £89,000 of paper currency, contained in the report of the Board of 21st Feb. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 63. Order, orig'l, 5 folios; Rem., copy, 24 folios: 29 folios.

March 22. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Pownall to the Att. and Sol. Generals, desiring their opinion upon three queries, viz., 1st. Whether a person born in any of the Colonies, whose father was an Englishman and mother a Savage, is a British subject?—2d. Whether a British subject can legally possess lands in the Colonies in virtue of a grant from the Savage Indians, obtained without the King's leave? and 3d, whether such possession would be valid against the possession of any other British subject claiming the same lands under a grant from the King? S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 44, p. 138. Entry. 4 folios.

April 1. St. James'. Order of Council approving the draft of general instructions for Francis Bernard, Esq., as Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 96. Copy. 12 folios.

June 9. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Privy Council, in answer to the remonstrance of Richard Partridge, Esq., agent for New Jersey, referred to the Board's consideration by Order of Council of the 13th of March last—The Board does not

find any thing of sufficient weight to invalidate their former objections against the Act of the Assembly of New Jersey for issuing £89,000 in paper currency, contained in their report of 21st Feb. last. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 250. Entry. 14 folios.

June 20. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade—Arrived at Perth Amboy on the 14th of June, called the Council of New Jersey, took and administered the oaths —the particulars of an irruption of the Indians on the frontiers next Delaware—the causes of this calamity—a scheme proposed by a Quaker for guarding the frontier on the Banks of the Delaware—he will call the Assembly on the 25th of July—since the death of Gov'r Belcher, the Assembly passed an Act for emitting £50,000 without a suspending clause; their reasons for so doing—he will set out the next day for Burlington. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 67. Original. 17 folios.

[For a Biographical sketch of Governor Bernard, see "Contributions to the History of Perth Amboy, &c.," p. 170—Sabine's Royalists, &c.]

July 3. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade—On the 22d of June arrived at Trenton, dispatched a messenger to Gov'r Denny at Philadelphia, informing him of the Indian invasion—23d of June published his commission in Burlington—24th of June went to Philadelphia to confer with Gov'r Denny and Gen'l Forbes—the result of the conference—further particulars about the Indian invasion; his orders to the militia thereupon—brave and prudent conduct of a Sergeant and nine men out on the scout. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 68. Orig'l. 20 folios.

July 7. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade, advising of the death of Mr. Ainsley, Chief Justice of New Jersey, occasioned by his drinking milk and water when he was very hot on Wednesday, [5th,] and he died on the next day [6th.] S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 70. Original. 1 folio.

[July 20. Sheffield. Rev. Samuel Hopkins to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—Col. Partridge's narrative of the march from the Lake to Ticonderoga and the defeat of the army—Jersey regiment kills six of Major Rogers' men thro' mistake. Copy. Pres'n Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

Aug. 7 & 8. Burlington. A Message from His Excellency, Francis Bernard, Esq., Captain General, Gov'r and Commander-in-Chief of New Jersey, &c., to the Minisink Indians, and a conference in consequence thereof held at Burlington, August 7th and 8th, 1758. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 76. Printed copy. 6 folio pages. 36 folios.

[This Message, and the Minutes of the Conference in full, printed in Smith's History of New Jersey, pp. 446 to 455.]

Aug. 24. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade—Prorogued the Assembly of New Jersey—Mr. Reading, the President, and Mr. Leonard, another of the Council, resigned their places, on account of their age and infirmities—Charles Read, John Smith, Robert Hooper, and John Ladd for W. N. J.; and Peter Schuyler, Lewis Johnston, Philip Kearny, and John Stevens, for E. N. J., are recommended as proper persons to fill up the vacancies in the Council—a deputation from the Indians invited Gov'r Bernard to a Treaty, which they were about to hold with Pennsylvania—advices about the French and Indians being set out for the N. J. frontiers—the Assembly granted 150 men and a fort—the Assembly sends an Address, praying to enlarge the Governor's powers for raising money against the next year. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 69. Orig'l. 11 folios.

[For notices of Lewis Johnston, Philip Kearny, and John Stevens, see "Contributions to East Jersey History."]

Aug. 31. Perth Amboy Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade, enclosing a copy of the Assembly of N. Jersey's Address, praying him to represent their zeal and loyalty to the King, and that without an indulgence in striking bills of credit, the Colony will not be able to give the necessary aid for the protection of the frontiers. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 71. Letter, original, 1 folio; Address, copy; 7 do. 8 folios.

Aug. 31. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade, offering his observation upon the Assembly of New Jersey's message to him having two purposes: one to provide for the present exigency, the other to gain a power to provide for future necessity. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 72. Original. 20 folios.

[Sept. 14. Hanover, Va. Rev. Samuel Davies to Rev. David Cowell, Trenton—Fears he has erred in declining the call to Princeton College—authorizes him if the Trustees cannot agree on Mr. Finley, to place him in nomination—(see Oct. 18.) Copy. Pres'n Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila. The original Cowell Papers in the possession of Mr. Joseph V. Cowell, Phila.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

Sept. 15. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade—Observations on the probable expense of next year—the necessity of raising £42,000 for the following year—desires to have a special instruction and power to raise the necessary sum by bills of credit, on the same terms with those already enacted. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 77. Original. 6 folios.

Sept. 18. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Secr. of State (W. Pitt) to Governors in North America, signifying to them the recall of Major General Abercromby, and the appointment of Major General Amherst as Commander-in-Chief of North America. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 76. Draft. 3 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 345.]

Oct. Easton, Penn'a. The Minutes of a Treaty held at Easton, in Pennsylvania, in Oct. 1758, by the Lieut. Gov'r of Penn'a and the Governor of New Jersey, with the Chief Sachems and Warriors of the Mohawks, Oneydas, Onondagas, Cayugas, Senecas, Tuscaroras, Tuteloes, Nanticokes and Conoys, Chugnuts, Delawares, Unamies, Mohickons, Minisinks and Wapings. Woodbridge in New Jersey. Printed and sold by James Parker, printer to the Government of New Jersey, 1758. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 80. 35 folio pages. 200 folios.

[These Minutes printed at length in Smith's Hist. of N. J., pp. 455 to 483.]

[Oct. 18. Hanover, Va. Rev. Samuel Davies to Rev. David Cowell, Trenton—Reasons for revoking the permission given Mr. C. to nominate him for the Presidency of Princeton College—(See Sept. 14, 1758,)—urges the election of Mr. Finley. Copy. Pres'n Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

Oct. 31. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade—Encloses several public papers—gives an account of what has been done at Easton during the Treaty with the several Indian nations. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 79. Original. 15 folios.

Nov. 2. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Pownall to the Attorney and Solicitor Generals—Enclosing for their opinion a state of the case respecting laws and regulations made for the preservation of the King's Woods in America, and the endeavours to evade the same. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 44, p. 143. Entry. 33 folios.

[Nov. 16. Nottingham, Md. Rev. John Ewing, afterwards of Philadelphia, to Mr. Cowell—Account of method used by Rev. Jeremiah Halsey to prevent Davies from accepting the second invitation to Princeton College, as ascertained from Halsey, by himself and Rev. James Caldwell. Copy. Pres. Hist. Soc. Papers, Ph'a.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

Nov. An estimate for raising, paying and clothing the New Jersey regiment of 1000 men for eight months—an estimate for paying and subsisting 200 men on the frontier for one year—an account of the bills of credit outstanding in New Jersey on the 21st of Nov., 1758—an account of the charge upon each year for sinking the Provincial debt of New Jersey from 1758 to 1778. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 73, 74 and 75. Drafts. 14 folios.

Dec. 7. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, upon Gov'r Bernard's letters touching the necessity of passing the Acts of Assembly of New Jersey, for issuing bills of credit without a suspending clause, offering as their opinion that it would be more for the King's interest and the advantage of the Colony, to alter the instructions of the Governor on that point, than

tacitly to acquiesce in a breach of it, as has been done in New York and Pennsylvania. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 257. Entry. 7 folios.

Dec. 9. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State, R't Hon. W. Pitt, to the Governors of the Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York and New Jersey, directing them to use their utmost endeavours with the Council and Assembly, to induce them to raise at least as large a body of men as they did for the last campaign, and even more for the purpose of invading Canada—The Governors will have right to issue Commissions to such gentlemen as may, from their influence in the Province, effect the speedy levying of the greatest number of men—the King will furnish all the men with arms, ammunition and tents, also provisions, the Provinces to defray the charges of levying, clothing and pay of them—they are to collect and order to be repaired all the old arms. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 76. Draft. 14 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 350.]

Dec. 12. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Proposing Chas. Read and John Smith, Esqrs., to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of John Reading and Thos. Leonard, Esqrs., who have resigned. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 261. Entry. 2 folios.

Dec. 12. St. James'. Order of Council, confirming the resignation of John Reading, the President, and Thos. Leonard, one of the Council of New Jersey, and appointing Charles Read and John Smith, Esqrs., to be members of the Board in their room. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 78. Original. 2 folios.

Dec. 12. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Enclosing warrants to appoint Charles Read and John Smith, Esqrs., to be of the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 262. Entry. 2 folios.

Dec. 12. St. James'. Order of Council, approving the draft of a warrant directing the Governor of New Jersey to swear and admit Charles Read and John Smith, Esqrs., to be of His Majesty's Council in the said Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 97. Copy. 2 folios.

[Dec. 25. Trenton. Rev. David Cowell, to Mr. Davies—Blames Mr. Halsey—[see Nov. 16] the impossibility of uniting on Mr. Finley—bare quorum of Trustees met to receive his second denial—the Governor desired them not to proceed to an election, and they chose Mr. Green, *pro tem.*, and appointed the election to be in May—the College of New Jersey to be esteemed of as high importance as any institution in the land—" our beginning was nothing; God carried

it on till it was marvellous in our eyes." Copy. Pres. Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

Dec. 29. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Secr. of State to the Gov'rs in N. America, (except Georgia, Nova Scotia and New Foundland,) transmitting the duplicate of his former letter of the 9th inst., urging in very strong terms the necessity of a punctual compliance with the orders therein contained, and acquainting them that as soon as the agents of the respective Provinces shall produce the necessary documents, about the expenses incurred for the last campaign, they will be recommended to Parliament for a reasonable compensation. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 76. Draft. 5 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 354.]

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[Jan. 1. New York. Rev. David Bostwick to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—Mr. Davies sent an absolute refusal, grounded on information that there was a party against him—the Trustees divided between him and Mr. Finley, and " party spirit I'm afraid runs pretty high " —the majority have carried it that Mr. Davies shall be tried again —Mr. Green is President till May. Copy. Pres. Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

Feb. 5. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Secr. of State, R't Hon. Wm. Pitt, to the Governors in North America, informing them that the King was pleased to appoint Rear Admiral Saunders to be Commander-in-Chief of all the Navy employed or to be employed in North America. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 77. Draft. 2 folios.

Feb. 7. Whitehall. Order of Council, directing the Board of Trade to prepare a draft of additional instructions to the Governor of New Jersey, to alter the former instruction restraining him from passing Acts for issuing bills of credit without a suspending clause. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 81. Original. 2 folios.

Feb. 8. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Bernard—His conduct in the Indian affairs highly approved—Messrs. Smith and Read are appointed to the Council of New Jersey—he will shortly receive additional instructions to alter the former one, which restrained him from passing Acts for issuing bills of credit without a suspending clause—the appropriation of the money in the Province is not in accordance with the Constitution of the Realm. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 263. Entry. 14 folios.

Feb. 8. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Council, with the draft of additional instructions, au-

thorizing Gov'r Bernard to give his assent to the Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, for issuing bills of credit without a suspending clause. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 271. Entry. 12 folios.

Feb. 10. St. James'. Order of Council, approving the report of the Board of Trade, of the 9th inst., for making an alteration in the instructions given to Gov'r Bernard about passing bills of the Assembly of New Jersey for issuing paper money. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 98. Copy. 2 folios.

[Feb. 12. Newark. Rev. Wm. Kirkpatrick (afterwards of Amwell) to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—Continues to itinerate among the small vacancies towards the frontier of the Province—the Trustees of the College send a messenger to Mr. Davies about the Presidency after two denials—religion at a low ebb. Copy. Pres. Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

Feb. 19. London. Paper presented by the Bishop of London to the King—Containing some considerations about the ecclesiastical Government in the American Plantations, its origin, progress and the present state. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 16, P. 9. Copy. 68 folios.

[Printed at length in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 360.]

[March 12. Hanover, Va. Rev. Mr. Davies to Rev. Mr. Cowell, Trenton—Refers the matter of the Presidency of the College to the Synod—exculpates Mr. Halsey—will not attend Synod in the spring—is fearful he may have erred in supposing a majority renewed the invitation—advises that our learned friend, Dr. Alison, be consulted as to his fitness for the post. Copy. Pres. Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

[March 19. Commission of Elias Dayton to be Lieutenant of a company of New Jersey troops, in Col. Peter Schuyler's regiment, from Gov'r Bernard. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

March 20. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Secr. of State, the R't Hon. H. Pitt—The Assembly of New Jersey raised 1000 men—they are well provided and equal to 1,500 of most of the other Provincials—the extraordinary effort made by the Province in the public service is strongly recommended to the King's notice—these efforts are particularized. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 72. Original. 9 folios.

March 21. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade—Mr. Secr. Pitt's letter was laid before the Assembly of New Jersey, and they passed a bill for raising 1000 men—the Quakers excused themselves from voting, except one, who voted for it—they also passed unanimously a support bill, and granted for

the troops £50,000—the public papers will soon be transmitted. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 82. Original. 4 folios.

March 30. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of their letter of the 8th of Feb.—he considers that the late money bills of New Jersey, are invasions of the prerogative and dangerous in their consequences—but, considering the present necessities of the service, it would not be prudent to rectify these abuses. S. P. O , B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 83. Original. 8 folios.

[April 28. Schoharie, New York. Letter from Colonel John Parker, of the New Jersey troops, to his brother Lewis Parker at Perth Amboy—The campaign to open sooner than was expected—the six nations of Indians had taken up the hatchet against the French—they had given Niagara to Sir Wm. Johnston for a trading-house, and would assist in taking it. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 392. Various conferences with the Indians are detailed in the volume.]

May 24. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing Nath'l Jones, Esq., to be Chief Justice of New Jersey in the room of Wm. Aynsley, Esq., deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 279. Entry. 2 folios.

[See New York Mercury, Dec. 10, 1759, and March 31, 1760, and Field's Provincial Courts, p. 151, for the circumstances attending the assumption of the office by Mr. Jones. His right to the office was contested by Robert Hunter Morris, who claimed it by virtue of his commission received in March, 1738, and yet we have seen (1757, February,) that Mr. Ainsley had in the mean while been appointed Chief Justice in place of Mr. Morris, resigned ; Mr. Morris being at that time in England. See 1759, Aug. 28; 1760, Feb. 22, Feb. 25, June 17, Aug. 10, Sept. 3, Dec. 15; 1761, April 17, and a review of the circumstances in N. J. Hist. Soc. Proceedings, Vol. VIII.]

May 24. Kensington. Order of Council, appointing Nathaniel Jones, Esq., to be Chief Justice of New Jersey, in the room of Wm. Aynsley, Esq., deceased. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 84. Original. 2 folios.

May 24. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with a warrant appointing Nath'l Jones, Esq., to be Chief Justice of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 280. 1 folio.

May 31. Whitehall. Order of Council, approving warrant constituting and appointing Nath'l Jones, Esq., to be Chief Justice of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 99. Copy. 2 folios.

June 15. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade—By the 20th of May the New Jersey regiment was completed ; on the 22d they embarked, and 27th arrived at Albany; reviewed by the General, and universally allowed to be the best

Provincial regiment in America—Col. Schuyler is Commander—went to Burlington County and laid out an Indian town, which was called Brotherton—description of the Indians and arrangement of the township—constituted a township between Parqualin Mountains and the Delaware, which was called Mountagu—the prospects of the Province of New Jersey are very fair. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 85. Original. 9 folios.

["Brotherton" was in the township of Evesham in Burlington County, but the name has disappeared from the map of the State, although its associations should have led to its retention. See Smith's New Jersey, p. 483; Nevill's Laws, Vol. II. p. 212; Allinson's Laws, p. 221.]

Aug. 28. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade—Mr. Morris proposed to resume his office of Chief Justice, but it was afterwards agreed to wait for the decision of the Board—since then Mr. Jones' appointment arrived, and Gov'r Bernard desires directions in what manner he shall act if Mr. Morris should set up his own right and oppose that of Mr. Jones—the extraordinary success of the English—there are near 1000 French prisoners in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey—[see May 24, 1759.] S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 87. Original. 6 folios.

Nov. 10. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Mr. Secr. Pitt, desiring him to move the King that directions may be given for a public thanksgiving in the several Colonies, for the success of His Majesty's arms. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 44, p. 170. Entry. 2 folios.

Nov. 12. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Pitt to the Board of Trade—That instructions be sent to all the Governors in America, to observe a day of public thanksgiving for the signal success of His Majesty's arms, in which the Colonies are so particularly interested. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 16, P. 11. Original. 2 folios.

Nov. 13. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in America, enclosing a printed copy of a Proclamation for a general thanksgiving. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 44, p. 171. Entry. 3 folios.

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Bernard—Informing him that the King was pleased to appoint him to be Governor of Massachusetts Bay. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 281. Entry. 2 folios.

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Proposing that Thos. Boone, Esq., may be appointed Governor of New Jersey, in the room of Francis Bernard, Esq. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 284. Entry. 2 folios.

Nov. 14. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Thos.

Boone, Esq., informing him that the King was pleased to appoint him to be Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 282. Entry. 2 folios.

N. B. The appointment did not actually take place till the 27th of Nov. See the Order of Council of that date.

Nov. 27. St. James'. Order of Council, appointing Mr. Thos. Boone to be Governor of New Jersey, and directing the Board of Trade to prepare a Commission and warrant for passing the same, and also drafts of instructions for the King's signature. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 86. Original. 2 folios.

Nov. 27. Whitehall. Representations from the Board of Trade to the King, with the draft of a Commission for Thos. Boone, Esq., to be Governor of New Jersey, and a warrant for passing the same. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 284. Entries—Repr. 2 folios; Com., &c., 60 folios—62 folios.

Nov. 27. St. James'. Order of Council, approving the Commission of Thos. Boone, Esq., to be Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 100. Copy. 2 folios.

Dec. 14. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Bernard—The extraordinary claim of Mr. Morris to resume the office of Chief Justice commented upon, and directions are given to the Governor how he is to conduct himself in this case—duplicate of the Board's letter of 14th Nov. transmitted. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 288. Entry. 5 folios.

[1759, Aug. 18 and Dec. 6.—1760, Jan. 18. Nassau Hall. Pres. Samuel Davies to Peter V. B. Livingston—His position in the College—sends for wine, &c. Original. Rutherfurd MSS.]

These letters were printed in the "Proceedings of the N. J. Hist. Soc.," Vol. I. p. 77.]

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Jan. 7. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Secr. of State, the R't Hon. Wm. Pitt, to the Governors of the Massachusetts Bay, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York and New Jersey, directing them to use their utmost endeavours with the Council and Assembly, to induce them to raise at least as large a body of men as they did for the last campaign, and even more for the purpose of completing the invasion of Canada—the Governors will have right to issue Commissions to such gentlemen as may, from their influence in the Province, effect the speedy levying of the greatest number of men—the King will furnish all the men with arms, ammunition and tents, also provisions; the Provinces to defray the charges of levying, clothing and pay of them—they are to collect and order to be repaired all the old arms. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 77. Draft. 14 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VI. p. 420.]

Feb. 7. Custom House. Letter from Mr. Wood to Mr. Pownall—With an account of the importation into England from the American Colonies, of hemp from 1712 to 1728, and of iron from 1750 to 1759. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 16, p. 13, 14, 15. Original. 6 folios.

Feb. 13. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with the draft of general instructions and those relating to trade for Thos. Boone, Esq., Governor of New Jersey—instructions separate. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 291. Entry. 2 folios.

Feb. 14. Charlestown, South Carolina. Letter from Governor Boone to the Board of Trade—Thanking them for the appointment to the Government of New Jersey, whither he will repair with the utmost despatch. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 88. Original. 1 folio.

[Feb. 15. Trenton. Rev. Mr. Davies to Rev. Doctor Cowell—The students inoculated for small pox—one is dangerously ill—Dr. Scudder's family sick—urges Mr. Cowell to come as a medical adviser. Copy. Pres. Hist. Soc. Papers, Phil'a.]

[From Revd. Richd. Webster.]

Feb. 22. Amboy, N. J. Letter from Mr. R. H. Morris to Gov'r Bernard, in explanation of reasons for his claiming the resumption of the office of Chief Justice of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 91. Copy. 5 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade, Feb. 25, 1760.

Feb. 25. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of several letters from the Board—the day of thanksgiving was fixed upon Thursday, the 22d of Nov.,—returns thanks for being appointed Governor of the Massachusetts Bay—Mr. Morris's claim to the Chief Justiceship is settled, but Mr. Jones does not give satisfaction in the Province—the Assembly of New Jersey was called to meet on the 11th of March—Mr. Boone was written to, proposing the end of May for his coming to the Government. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey Vol. 8, I. 89. Original. 9 folios.

Enclosing Mr. Morris to Gov'r Bernard, Feb. 22, 1760.

March 22. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade—Mr. Morris took the seat on the Bench as Chief Justice of New Jersey—his reasons for so doing—Mr. Jones' claim put in, but the Court rejected it and decided in favor of Mr. Morris—observations upon the proceedings, and a copy of the Minutes of the Court. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 92 and 93. Letter, original, 9 folios; Minutes, Att. copy, 14 folios—23 folios.

March 24. South Carolina. Letter from Mr. Boone to the

Board of Trade—A vessel is hired in which he will embark in the course of a few days for New York. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 95. Orginal. 2 folios.

March 26. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Bernard to the R't Hon. Wm. Pitt, Secr. of State—The Assembly of New Jersey, with "their usual unanimity and despatch," prepared and passed a bill for raising the same number of men as they did for the last campaign—encloses the Assembly's Address and his answer to it. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 72. Letter, original, 2 folios; Message, &c., copies, 15 folios—17 folios.

[March 29. Commission of Elias Dayton, to be Captain in Col. Schuyler's regiment. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

March 29. Perth Amboy. letter from Gov'r Bernard to the Board of Trade—The Assembly of New Jersey on the 25th of March passed a bill for raising a regiment—observation upon the said bill—the good temper of the people may be perceived from the Addresses of the Assembly—Mr. Boone has not fixed any time for his arrival in New Jersey—Gov'r Bernard must be in Boston by the middle of May. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 8, I. 94. Orig'l. 9 folios.

June 17. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Giving an account of the dispute between Mr. Morris and Mr. Jones, about the office of Chief Justice of New Jersey, and submitting as their opinion that the King should refer the whole matter to the Att. Gen'l, with directions to consider and report what measures are most proper to be taken in order to support the King's right of nomination against the extraordinary and unprecedented claim of Mr. Morris. [See May 24, 1759.] S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 16, p. 293. Entry. 14 folios.

July 15. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Boone to the Board of Trade—Announces his arrival in New Jersey, and the publishing of his Commission on the 4th July at Perth Amboy, and 9th at Burlington. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 1. Original. 2 folios.

[He arrived at Perth Amboy July 3d from New York, where he had been detained some time waiting for his Commission. For a Biographical sketch of Gov. Boone see "Contributions to the Early History of Perth Amboy, &c.," p. 176.]

Aug. 10. Amboy. Letter from Mr. R. H. Morris to Gov'r Boone—Giving his reasons for assuming the office of the Chief Justice of New Jersey, in opposition to Mr. Nathaniel Jones, and desires the same to be laid before the Board of Trade. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 3. Original. 9 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Boone to the Board of Trade, Sept. 3, 1760.

Sept. 3. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Boone to the Board

of Trade—At the request of Mr. R. H. Morris he forwards some papers, being an account of his opposition to Mr. Jones about the office of Chief Justice of N. Jersey . S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 2. Original. 3 folios.

Enclosing the foregoing and 1760, March 18. Minute of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, March 16, 1670. (Enclosed also in Gov'r Bernard's letter of the 22d March, 1760.)

Oct. 18. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in North America, desiring them to transmit four sets of the last printed edition of the laws passed in each Government. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 44, p. 182. Entry. 1 folio.

Oct. 23. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Boone to the R't Hon. W. Pitt, Secr. of State—In answer to a letter about the illegal trade in North America, assuring him that nothing of the kind had been connived at or practised in New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 72. Original. 2 folios.

Oct. 25. Carleton House. Order of Council, authorizing the use of the old Seals in the American Plantations, until other Seals shall be prepared and sent thither duly authorized by the King. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 17, Q. 1. Original. 1 folio.

Oct. 27. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Enclosing warrants for authorizing the Governors in America to use the respective Seals which were made use of in the late King's reign. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 1. Entry. 5 folios.

Oct. 27. Saville House. Order of Council, directing the Board of Trade to prepare the draft of a Proclamation for proclaiming King George III. in the American Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 17, Q. 2. Orig'l. 4 folios.

Oct. 29. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Enclosing a Proclamation for proclaiming him in the respective Plantations in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 3. Entry. 8 folios.

Oct. 29. Saville House. Order of Council, directing the Board to prepare drafts of instructions to be sent to all the Governors in America, for an alteration in the prayer for the Royal Family. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 17, Q. 3. Original. 2 folios.

Oct. 29. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in North America—Informing them that warrants for using the old Seals, Proclamations, &c., are preparing with all expedition, in order to be transmitted to them. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 24. Entry. 2 folios.

Oct. 30. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade

to the King—Enclosing a draft of instructions to the Governors in North America, relating to the alterations in the prayers for the Royal Family. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 25. Entry. 7 folios.

Oct. 31. Whitehall. Circular letter to all the Governors in North America—Transmitting to them proclamations, instructions and warrants for using the old Seals. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 29. Entry. 5 folios.

Nov. 4. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Desiring his directions that proper Seals be made and sent to each of the Plantations in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 32. Entry. 1 folio.

Nov. 11. St. James'. Order of Council, directing the chief engraver of seals to prepare drafts of new Seals for England, Ireland, Scotland and America, and present the same for the King's approbation. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 17, Q. 11. Copy. 4 folios.

[Dec. Sermon of Rev. Samuel Davies at the funeral of Rev. Mr. Cowell, of Trenton, from Hebrews IV. 11—never published—imperfect. Copy. Pres. Hist. Soc. Papers, Phil'a.
From Rev. Richard Webster.]

Dec. 2. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Pownall to Mr. Major, His Majesty's Chief Engraver of Seals, giving him directions about engraving new Seals for the Colonies in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 36. Entry. 5 folios, (relating to N. Jersey.)

Dec. 2. Lincoln's Inn. Report of Sir Matthew Lamb upon five Acts of Assembly passed in New Jersey, in March, 1759, approving the same. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 12. Original. 4 folios.

Dec. 15. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Boone to the Board of Trade—The Assembly of New Jersey met the 27th of Oct. and sat six weeks—he will send shortly public papers—sends the memorial of Mr. R. H. Morris in support of his claim to the office of Chief Justice of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 8. Originals, letter 2 folios; memorial, 10 folios—12 folios.

Dec. 17. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Secr. of State, the R't Hon. Wm. Pitt, to the Governors of Massachusetts Bay, N. Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York and New Jersey —The King being determined to reduce the enemy to the necessity of accepting a peace, desire them to use their utmost endeavours with the Council and Assembly, to induce them to raise two-thirds of the number of men they raised for the last campaign—the Governors will have right to issue Commissions to such gentlemen as

may, from their influence in the Province, effect the speedy levying of the greatest number of men—the King will furnish all the men with arms, ammunition, tents and provisions; the Provinces to defray the charges of levying, clothing and pay of them—they are to collect, and order to be repaired, all the old arms. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 77. Draft. 11 folios.

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Jan. 12. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Boone to the Secr. of the Board of Trade—Acknowledges the receipt of the Board's letters of 18th and 29th Oct.,—desires some regulations may be made respecting the posts passing through Perth Amboy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 5. Orig'l. 3 folios.

[For an account of mail and travelling facilities in the Province prior to the Revolution, see Contributions to E. Jersey History, p. 267.]

March 11. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Proposing that Christopher Coates, Esq., continue Secretary, and Joseph Warrell, Esq., Attorney General of the Province of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 1. Entry. 2 folios.

[March 17. New York. From Rev. Mr. ——— to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—The death of Davies fills us with gloom and astonishment—He far exceeded the expectation of his best friends—what prodigious uncommon gifts the God of Nature had bestowed upon that man to render him useful—his sermon on the King's death, though a thousand copies were printed, yet now a second impression is in press—Philadelphia has collected £95 per annum for five years to support his three sons at College—New York and Philadelphia have raised between four and five hundred pounds for his wife and two daughters—he left very little estate—our eyes are on Mr. Finley—a very accurate scholar, and a great and good man—the internal state of the College is good, and the management of the tutors generally approved. Copy. Pres'n Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[From Rev'd Richard Webster.]

March 17. St. James'. Order of Council, directing Board of Trade to prepare warrants for continuing Christopher Coates, Esq., in the office of Secretary, and Joseph Warrell, Esq., Att. General of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 7. Original. 2 folios.

March 20. St. James'. Order of Council, approving the representation of the Board of Trade of the 17th inst., and directing them to prepare draft of a Commission, and likewise warrant for passing the same to Josiah Hardy, Esq., as Governor of New Jer-

sey, in the room of Thos. Boone, Esq. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 6. Original. 2 folios.

N. B. The representation of the 17th March, 1761, is not in the Entry Book.

April 1. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with the draft of a Commission for Josiah Hardy, Esq., to be Governor of the Province of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 2. Entry. Represent., 1 folio; Commission, 60 folios—61 folios.

[April 7. Commission of Elias Dayton, from Gov'r Boone, to be Captain in the regiment of New Jersey troops, commanded by Col. Samuel Hunt. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

April 8. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Boone to the Board of Trade—Passed an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey for raising 600 men—reasons for not joining in an Address from the Council and Assembly to the King, upon his accession to the throne —observations upon the debt of the Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 13. Original. 7 folios.

April 8. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Boone to the R't Hon. Wm. Pitt, Secr. of State—Called the Assembly of New Jersey, and communicated the King's commands—they raised 600 men, which is two-thirds of the last year. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 73. Original. 2 folios.

April 9. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Pownall to Mr. H. Potts, Secr. to the Postmaster General—Enclosing extract of a letter from the Governor of New Jersey, desiring an alteration in the route of the post through that Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 33. Entry. 1 folio.

April 14. St. James'. Order in Council, approving the draft of a Commission for Josiah Hardy, Esq., to be Captain General and Governor-in-Chief of the Province of New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 105. Original. 3 folios.

April 14. St. James'. Order in Council, approving a warrant for Christopher Coates, Esq., to be Secretary of the Province of N. Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Ind. Vol. 105. Orig'l. 3 folios.

April 16. Letter from Mr. Charles Boone to Mr. Secr. Pownall—Praying for a permission to Gov'r Boone to come from New Jersey to England, before he goes to his Government of South Carolina. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 10. Orig'l. 1 folio.

April 17. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Relating to the dispute between Mr. Jones and Mr. Morris, for the office of Chief Justice of New Jersey, desiring such directions as shall appear necessary to determine a matter so productive of much confusion in that Province. [See several previous

entries.] S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 34. Entry. 3 folios.

April 28. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in America—Transmitting queries as to the boundaries, commerce, navigation, manufactures, number of inhabitants, &c., in each Province respectively. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 60. Entry. 24 folios.

April 29. Gen'l Post Office. Letter from Mr. Potts, Secr. to the Postmaster General, to Mr. Secr. Pownall—Enclosing copy of the report from Mr. Franklin, Deputy Postmaster General of North America, with reference to the complaint of Gov'r Boone about the alteration of Post in New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 11. Original letter, 2 folios; copy, report, 18 folios—20 folios.

May 6. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with drafts of general instructions, and those relating to trade and navigation, for Josiah Hardy, Esq., Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 36. Entries, represent., 7 folios; instruct's, 300 folios—307 folios.

May 8. St. James'. Order of Council, directing the Board of Trade to present to the King the names of persons proper to act as Commissioners for trying pirates in the different American Colonies. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 17, Q. 15. Original. 2 folios.

May 15. St. James'. Order in Council, revoking and repealing an Order in Council, of 11th March, 1752, touching the correspondence of the Governors in America, and directing that same may be communicated to them accordingly. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 105. Original. 6 folios.

[May 24. Belle Isle, Coast of France. Letter from Capt. Wm. Skinner to his brother Cortlandt Skinner, at Perth Amboy—Giving an account of the assault and landing upon the island by the English forces, under Generals Hodgson, Crawford and Rufane, and Com. Keppell. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

June 5. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Boone to the Board of Trade—Sends for Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey and other public papers—reasons for declining to issue new Commissions to the Government officers. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 15. Original. 3 folios.

June 16. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, naming such persons as are proper to be inserted in the Commissions for trying pirates in each Colony in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 73. Entry. 16 folios. [As regards N. Jersey.] 55 folios, entire.

June 25. St. James'. Order in Council, approving the report

of the Board of Trade, and also the draft of instructions (transmitted therewith,) for Josiah Hardy, Esq., Captain General and Governor-in-Chief of the Province of New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 105. Orig'l. 10 folios.

July 17. Orders, rules and instructions to be observed by the Receivers-General of the several Colonies in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 17, Q. 17. Draft. 14 folios.

July 28. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Boone to the Board of Trade—Gen. Amherst applied for the continuation of the part of the New Jersey regiment during the winter—the Assembly complied with it and passed an Act to that effect—Mr. Antill is suspended from the Council for non-attendance. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 16. Original. 4 folios.

[Aug. 6. Power of Attorney from the Committee of the W. Jersey Society, to Lewis Johnston and John Smith, to be their agents and factors in the Province—and revoking their power issued 7th May, 1752, to Henry Lane and Lewis Johnston—authenticated before the Lord Mayor of London. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Aug. 30. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Boone to the Board of Trade—A brigantine belonging to New York condemned in New Jersey for illegal trade—Gov'r Boone renounced his share in order to obtain evidence—desires to be recommended to the King for remuneration. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 17. Original. 7 folios.

Sept. 11. Whitehall. Order of Council, directing the Board of Trade to prepare drafts of instructions to all the Governors in America, for an alteration to be made in the prayers for the Royal Family. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 17, Q. 18. Original. 2 folios.

Sept. 16. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with drafts of instructions to all the Governors in America, for an alteration in the prayers for the Royal Family. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 122. Entry. 7 folios.

Sept. 21. Perth Amboy. Letter from Tho's Boone, Governor of New Jersey, to (Secr. of State,) has just received the notification of the King's resolution to demand in marriage the Princess Charlotte, sister of the Duke of Mecklenburgh—Joins in dutiful congratulations on the joyful event. S. P. O. Am. & West Indies. Vol. 73. Original. 2 folios.

Oct. 20. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Boone to the Board of Trade—Received leave of absence, but in consequence of the disturbed state of the American Plantations, he does not mean to avail himself of it, reserving that favor to some future period. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 19. Duplicate. 2 folios.

Nov. 13. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Pownall to Mr. Secr. West, of the Treasury, enclosing copy of Gov'r Boone's letter of the 30th of Aug. last, and expressing the opinion of the Board of Trade that relinquishing his own share of the forfeiture, in order to induce a greater facility in the condemnation of the vessel, justly entitles Gov'r Boone to the King's favor. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 120. Entry. 3 folios.

Nov. 23. St. James'. Order in Council, directing the Board of Trade to prepare drafts of additional instructions to the Governors in America, (including New Jersey,) relating to the grant of lands and the appointment of Judges. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 17, Q. 21. Original. 35 folios.

Nov. 23. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Hardy to the Board of Trade—Arrived in New Jersey the 29th of Oct.,—published his Commission—called the Council and issued new Commissions of the Peace and for the Courts—appointed Cortlandt Skinner, Esqr., to be Att. General of the Province—prorogued the Assembly to the 30th of this month—desires the suspension of Mr. Edward Antill from the Council be confirmed—the difficulty of finding men fit to fill the vacancies at the Board. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 20. Original. 6 folios.

[See "Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 183; and "Proceedings N. J. Hist. Soc.," Vol. VIII. p. 70.]

Nov. 28. Lincoln's Inn. Report of Sir Matthew Lamb to the Board of Trade, upon four Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, in April, 1761—Objecting to the Act for confirming the proceedings of the Courts, &c., since the demise of the late King, as being quite unnecessary, and recommending the other three for confirmation. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 18. Original. 6 folios.

Dec. 2. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Enclosing a draft of instructions to the several Governors in North America, containing directions with respect to the tenure of the Commissions to be by them granted to the Chief Judges and Justices of the Courts of Judicature [not to be held "during good behaviour."] S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 162. Entry. 10 folios.

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Dec. 3. St. James'. Order in Council approving the draft of an additional instruction for the Governor of New Jersey, relating to the tenure of commissions to be by him granted to the Judges and other Officers of Justice. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies, Vol. 105. Original. 9 folios.

Dec. 12. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. Pownall to several Governors in the American Plantations, with instructions containing directions with respect to the tenure of the Commissions

to be by them granted to the Chief Judges and Justices of the Courts of Judicature. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 174. Entry. 2 folios.

Dec. 12. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State (the Earl of Egremont) to the Governors of the Northern American Plantations, directing them to use their utmost endeavours with the Council and Assembly to induce them to raise as large a body of men as they did last year, for the purpose of completing the invasion of Canada—The Governors will have right to issue Commissions to such gentlemen, as may, from their influence in the Province, effect the speedy levying of the greatest number of men—the King will furnish all the men with arms, ammunition, tents, and provisions; the Provinces to defray the charges of levying clothing and pay of them. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 77. Draft. 14 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VII. p. 482.]

Dec. 12. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State, the Earl of Egremont, to several Governors in the American Plantations, signifying the King's pleasure to induce their respective Provinces to comply immediately with any requisition which Sir Jeffrey Amherst shall make for furnishing, on certain conditions, which he will explain, such a number of recruits, as he shall demand as their quota, towards completing the regular regiments. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 77. Draft. 7 folios.

Dec. 22. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, giving reasons why an Act for confirming the proceedings of the Courts of Justice in New Jersey since the demise of the late King; and an Act for the relief of Francis Goelet, passed in that Province in April, 1761, should be repealed. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 122. Entry. 18 folios.

Dec 22. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing John Stevens, Esq., to be one of the Council in New Jersey, in the room of Edward Antill, Esq., suspended by Gov'r Boone. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 129. Entry. 2 folios.

[See for notice of John Stevens, "Contributions to E. J. Hist.," p. 143.]

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Jan. 2. St. James'. Order in Council suspending Edward Antill from the Council of New Jersey, and appointing John Stevens in his stead. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 105. Original. 4 folios.

[Jan. 6. London. Letter from (Captain?) George Otter to Lewis Johnston of Perth Amboy—Wishes inquiries to be made as to the ownership of the island "on the right-hand side betwixt Burlington and Bristol," its size, &c., with the view to secure it for him-

self—Sir Jeffrey Amherst had acquitted himself with great honor, and was consulted on all American matters—"it's reported the Parliament will tax their good subjects in America." Original Whitehead MSS.]

Jan. 14. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secretary Pownall to Gov'r Hardy, enclosing an Order of His Majesty in Council repealing two Acts passed in New Jersey in April, 1761, and copy of the Board's representation upon the said Acts. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 130. Entry. 2 folios.

Jan. 20. Perth Amboy. Letter from Governor Hardy to the Board of Trade—Issued proclamation directing the alteration of prayers for the Royal Family—the Gen'l Assembly of N. Jersey met the 30th Nov., and passed a bill for the support of Government—the Assembly wanted to bring in a bill for laying a duty on negroes, but the Gov'r dissuaded them from it—observations on that subject—the Commissions to the Government officers renewed during good behaviour—the Commission of Mr. Morris, as Chief Justice, was necessarily renewed, he being a proper person for that office; and Mr. Nevill and Mr. Saltar, two other Judges, are old and infirm. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 22. Orig'l. 9 folios.

Jan. 22. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Hardy to the Earl of Egremont, Secr. of State for the Southern Department—Acknowledges the receipt of several letters—congratulates his Lordship upon his appointment—the Assembly wanted to pass a bill for laying a duty on negroes, but were dissuaded by him—the uncertainty in the appointments of Chief and other Justices—desires his Lordship's directions on the subject. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 7 folios.

Jan. 22. Lincoln's Inn. Report from Sir Matthew Lamb, giving his opinion in favor of an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed there in July, 1761, entitled an Act to provide for the enlisting, clothing, and pay of sixty-six effective men, volunteers, officers included, to be employed in His Majesty's service from and after the first day of November next. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 21. Original. 2 folios.

March 10. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing that a bill should be offered to the consideration of Parliament to remedy the defects of the laws, as they now stand, for the trial and punishment of murders committed within the Admiralty jurisdiction in the Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 176. Entry. 10 folios.

March 11. St. James'. Order of Council directing the Board of Trade, with the advice and assistance of the Advocate, Attorney and Solicitor Generals, to prepare the draft of a bill for the trial and punishment of persons guilty of murder within the Admiralty juris-

diction in the American Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 17, Q. 23. Original. 3 folios.

March 17. Whitehall. Letter from the Secr. Pownall to Sir Matthew Lamb, desiring he would prepare the draft of a bill to remedy the defects of the laws, as they now stand, for the trial and punishment of murders committed within the Admiralty jurisdiction in the Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 179. Entry. 3 folios.

N. B.—Draft of the bill follows the entry of the above letter.

(March ?) Whitehall. Memorandum of a case referred to the Attorney and Solicitor Generals for their opinion—1st. Whether the appointments made by Gov'r Hardy of the Judges of the New Jersey Supreme Court, during good behaviour, contrary to the express directions of the King, are valid and legal appointments ?—and 2d. If such appointments are not legal and valid, by what authority, and in what manner, may they be set aside ? S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 131. Entry. 9 folios.

See the Secr. Pownall's letter, 1762, Nov. 13 ; and the answer, 1763, January 18.

[March 9. Commission of Elias Dayton from Gov'r Hardy to be Captain in Colonel Hunt's regiment. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

March 27. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing the recall of Gov'r Hardy from his Government, for having appointed Mr. R. H. Morris to be Chief Justice of New Jersey, contrary to his instructions. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 135. Entry. 10 folios.

[See "Proceedings N. J. Hist. Soc.," Vol. VIII. p. 73, &c.]

March 27. Whitehall. Letter from J. Pownall to Robert Wood—Enclosing a representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing that Gov'r Hardy may be removed from his Government of New Jersey, and requesting he will communicate the same to Secretary Lord Egremont. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 2 folios.

April 29. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Hardy to the Earl of Egremont, Secr. of State—The declaration of war against Spain was published in both Divisions of New Jersey—the Assembly had voted the full number of men for the Provincial regiment. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 4 folios.

May 4. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Hardy to the Board of Trade—Received Order in Council for repealing two Acts of the New Jersey s, and communicated the same to the Assembly—the New Jersey regiment is quite complete, and ready to march. S. P. O., B T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 24. Original. 2 folios.

June 10. Whitehall. Letter from the Secr. Pownall to the Advocate, Attorney and Solicitor Generals, with the draft of a bill for the trial and punishment of murders committed within the Admiralty jurisdiction in the Plantations, desiring their opinion thereupon. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 190. Entry. 3 folios.

June 11. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade (signed by Secr. Pownall) to all the Governors in North America—Transmitting printed copy of an Act passed last sessions of Parliament for the better regulation and government of seamen in the merchants' service. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 192. Entry. 2 folios.

June 18. Perth Amboy. Letter from Governor Hardy to the Board of Trade—Transmitting several bills passed at the three last sessions of the General Assembly of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 25. Original. 8 folios.

June 22. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Hardy to Secr. Pownall—The Commissions issued during good behaviour are at an end, the Judges having determined to accept theirs in such a manner as the King shall think proper—Mr. Morris is strongly recommended to retain the office of Chief Justice of New Jersey—the death of Mr. Andrew Johnston, one of the Council of that Province, is hourly expected—the difficulty of finding a person in the Western Division to fill his place at the Board. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 26. Orig'l. 4 folios.

[July 8. New York. Sir Jeffrey Amherst to the Commanding Officer at Elizabethtown, (Capt. Elias Dayton)—Gov'r Hardy had informed him that upwards of twenty men were ready at Elizabethtown to embark for Albany—orders that they embark on board the vessel sent, and that the officer in command report at Albany to Col. Bradstreet or Captain Winepress. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

July 16. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Hardy to the Board of Trade—The death of Mr. Andrew Johnston, of the Council of New Jersey, and Treasurer of the Eastern Division, announced—Mr. Stephen Skinner is recommended to fill the vacant office of the Treasurer—James Parker, John Barbarie, and John Smyth, Esqrs., recommended to be of the Council—the inconvenience from the Councillors residing at a great distance from the seat of the Government—the Judges of the Supreme Court resigned their Commissions "during good behaviour"—the number of the Militia—state of defence of the Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 27. Original. 9 folios.

[For notices of Andrew Johnston, &c., see "Contributions to Early History of Perth Amboy, &c."]

Aug. 20. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Egremont (Secr.

of State) to the Board of Trade, signifying the King's pleasure in appointing William Franklin, Esq., to be Gov'r of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 23. Original. 1 folio.

Aug. 25. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Earl of Egremont, principal Secr. of State, with a representation enclosing the draft of a Commission for William Franklin, Esq., to be Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 139. Entry. 4 folios.

Sept. 1. St. James'. Order in Council approving the draft of a Commission for William Franklin to be Captain General, and Governor-in-Chief of New Jersey, in the room of Josiah Hardy, Esq. S. P. O. Am. &W. Indies. Vol. 105. Original. 3 folios.

Sept. 1. St. James'. Order in Council approving the draft of instructions, with the alterations made by the Board of Trade, for William Franklin appointed Governor of New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 105. Original. 6 folios.

Sept 1. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Earl of Egremont, principal Secr. of State, with a representation enclosing drafts of general instructions, and those for Trade for Wm. Franklin, Esq., Gov'r of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 142. Entries. Letter and Represent'n, 8 folios; Instructions, 350 folios: 358 folios.

Sept. 11. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Egremont to Gov'r Hardy—In consequence of the representation from the Board of Trade, the King judged it expedient to put an end to his Commission as Gov'r of New Jersey, and to appoint William Franklin, Esq., to succeed him in that office. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 77. Draft. 1 folio.

Sept. 17. St. James'. Order of Council directing the Board of Trade to prepare draft of instructions for the Governors of the several Colonies and Plantations in America for an alteration in the psayers for the Royal Family. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 17, Q. 26. Original. 2 folios.

Sept. 27. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing drafts of instructions for the Governors of the several Colonies in America for an alteration in the prayers for the Royal Family. S P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 193. Entry. 6 folios.

Oct. 9. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Hardy to Mr. Secretary Pownall—Received the letter of the 11th June, with the printed copy of an Act, &c.,—the Assembly of New Jersey have made a provision for a company of sixty-six men demanded by Sir Jeffrey Amherst—sends copies of the Journals of the Council—in consequence of the death of Mr. Lewis Morris, of New York, Mr.

Anthony White is appointed the Judge of Admiralty of New Jersey —much benefit will arise to both Provinces should this post be not united in one person. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 28. Original. 5 folios.

Oct. 11. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Hardy to the Earl of Egremont—The Assembly of New Jersey have, with great cheerfulness, made provision for clothing and paying a company of sixty-six men demanded by Sir Jeffrey Amherst. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 1 folio.

[Oct. 13. Accounts of Andrew Johnston, Treasurer of East Jersey, from Dec. 1761, to May, 1763, submitted by his Executors, to a Committee of the Assembly, with certificate of the Committee and receipt of his successor, Stephen Skinner. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Oct. 21. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Hardy to the Earl of Egremont—Acknowledges the receipt of His Lordship's letter of the 14th of August, informing him of the birth of a Prince. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 1 folio.

Nov. 13. Whitehall. Letter from Secr. Pownall to the King's Advocate and Attorney and Solicitor General, desiring their assistance in framing a bill to be introduced in Parliament for the trial and punishment of murder committed within the Admiralty jurisdiction in the American Plantations, which bill was referred to their consideration in June last. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 196. Entry. 2 folios.

Nov. 13. Whitehall. Letter from the Secr. Pownall to the Hon'ble Charles Yorke, Attorney General, desiring his opinion upon the queries sent to him in December last, about the validity of Commissions granted by Gov'r Hardy to the Judges of the Supreme Court of Judicature of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 177. Entry. 2 folios.

See the Memorandum, 1762, (March,) and the Att. Gen'l's Answer, 1763, January 18.

Dec. 3. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Hardy to the Earl of Egremont—Sorry to hear that he is dismissed from the Government of New Jersey upon the Board's representation, and regrets to have had no opportunity of offering any thing in his own justification. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 2 folios.

Dec. 15. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Pownall to Mr. Clevland, Secr. to the Lords of the Admiralty, with an extract of Gov'r Hardy's letter of Oct. 9th, relating to the appointment of a Judge of the Admiralty in New York. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 178. Entry. 1 folio.

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Jan. 18. Answer of the Attorney General to the queries propounded to him by the Board of Trade, as to the validity, &c., of the appointments made by Gov'r Hardy of the Judges of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 29. Original. 4 folios.

See the Memorandum, 1761, [December,] and the Secr. Pownall's Letter, 1762, Nov. 13.

Jan. 25. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, with the draft of a bill for the trial and punishment of murder committed within the Admiralty jurisdiction in the American Plantations. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 197. Entry. 16 folios.

Jan. 31. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Hardy to the Earl of Egremont, Secr. of State—Received the King's proclamation declaring a cessation of arms, which was published in New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 1 folio.

March 9. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in America, directing them in what manner they are to carry on their correspondence with the said Board. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 206. Entry. 2 folios.

April 20. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Egremont, principal Secr. of State, to the Board of Trade, signifying the King's commands, that the Board should give directions for the due observance of a Day of Thanksgiving in the Colonies on the conclusion of peace. S. P O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 15, Q. 28. Orig'l. 1 folio.

April 29. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in America, directing a Day of Thanksgiving to be observed in their respective Provinces on the happy conclusion of peace. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 209. Entry. 2 folios.

April 29. Whitehall. Letter from the Secr. Pownall to the Hon'ble Charles Yorke, the King's Attorney General, desiring his opinion whether aliens are capable, as the laws now stand, of acquiring a property in lands in America, either by purchase or grant from the Crown. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 208. Entry. 2 folios.

May 2. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Hardy to the Board of Trade—In September last an Act passed by the Assembly of New Jersey for laying a duty on negroes and mulatto slaves imported into that Province, did not receive his assent—the reasons for it. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 30. Original. 2 folios.

May 3. Custom House. Letter from Mr. Wood to Mr. Pow-

nall—The Surveyor General of Customs in America no authority to appoint Deputies, except on leave of absence, when he is to appoint a fit person to act for him. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 17, Q. 30. Original. 2 folios.

[May 8. Perth Amboy. Original draft of letter from James Parker to William Alexander (Lord Stirling) in New York, in relation to his indebtedness to the Provincial Treasury. Whitehead MSS.

The letter sent, is among the Stirling Papers in the New York Hist. Soc. Library.]

May 10. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—Met with very good reception on his arrival at New Jersey—he will endeavour to prevail with the Assembly to raise the officers' salaries—there is no official residence for the Governor, and inconvenience therefrom arising—probable means of obtaining a house to be built—great spirit of emigration prevails throughout the Colonies—vacancies in the Council of New Jersey by the death of Mr. Saltar, Johnston, and Hude—Mr. Samuel Smith, of Burlington, and Mr. John Ladd, of Glocester, are recommended to fill the vacancies—the difficulty of finding a person for the Eastern Division to fill the other vacancy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 31. Original. 14 folios.

[For a biographical sketch of Governor Franklin, see "Contributions to the Early History of Perth Amboy, &c."]

[—— Account of tickets sold in the Amboy Church Lottery, with the names of all the holders. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

May 10. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Egremont—Acknowledging the receipt of His Lordship's letter of the 18th of Feb., notifying the signing and ratification of the Definitive Treaty with Spain. S P. O. Am. & West Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 2 folios.

June 27. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—Transmits several Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey and the Minutes of Council—the salaries of some few officers were increased—a Commission was chosen to determine the boundary line between that Province and New York—a dog tax was imposed. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 32. Original. 9 folios.

July 9. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Egremont to all the Governors in North America, directing them to use their utmost endeavours to put a stop to the clandestine running of goods into any place within their jurisdiction, and transmitting Acts of Parliament, Orders of Council, and other papers relating to Navigation, &c. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 250. Draft. 10 folios.

July 19. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—He will appoint the Day of Thanksgiving—the Indians again commenced hostilities in the back country near the Lakes and the River Ohio—the measures for the safety of the inhabitants of the northern frontier are taken. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 33. Original. 3 folios.

July 19. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Egremont, Secr. of State—Received the King's proclamation of the peace—taking measures to put the inhabitants on the northern frontier of New Jersey into a proper posture of defence against the Indians. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 2 folios.

Aug. 4. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending Samuel Smith and John Ladd, Esqrs., to be of the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 179. Entry. 1 folio.

Aug. 31. St. James'. Order in Council appointing Samuel Smith and John Ladd to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of James Hude and Andrew Johnston, deceased. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 105. Original. 3 folios.

Sept. 22. Lincoln's Inn. Report of Sir Matthew Lamb upon eleven Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed at their sessions in September, 1762. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 45. Original. 8 folios.

Sept. 28. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in America, notifying their new Commissions, and desiring them to continue their future correspondence as formerly. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 293. Entry. 1 folio.

Oct. 5. St. James'. Order of Council upon representation from the Lords of the Treasury, dated the 4th inst., containing proposals for the better securing of the Custom revenue in North America, approving the same, and directing the Earl of Halifax, principal Secr. of State, the Commissioners of the Admiralty, and the Board of Trade, to cause the necessary directions to be given for carrying the several proposals contained in the above representation into execution. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 250. Original. 14 folios.

Oct. 7. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to Governors in the American Plantations, requiring a more regular and punctual transmission of such papers as are directed by His Majesty's instructions to be transmitted to this Board. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 299. Entry. 2 folios.

Oct. 10. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in the American Plantations, enclosing printed

copies of the proclamation declaratory of the new arrangement in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 304. Entry. 2 folios.

Oct. 11. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors in the American Plantations, containing directions upon the Memorial of the Lords of the Treasury, relating to the defective state of the laws for regulating the Plantation trade. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 306. Entry. 5 folios.

Oct. 18. St. James'. Letter from the Earl of Halifax to the several Governors in North America—The King being informed by Sir Jeffrey Amherst, Commander-in-Chief in North America, that the insurrections of the Indian nations, which have for some time been increasing, now bear the appearance of becoming general, has judged it necessary to require the assistance of such of his Colonies as are most interested, by their situation, to contribute to the general purposes of defence. S. P O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 250. Draft. 4 folios.

[For the letter of Sir Jeffrey Amherst, see New York Col. Docts., Vol. VII. p. 529; and see same volume, pp. 570–571.]

Oct. 21. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Franklin—No obstacle shall be made to a bill of New Jersey for issuing certain sum of paper money for defraying the charge of making provision for a house for the Governor. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 180. Entry. 2 folios.

Nov. 5. St. James'. Letter from the Earl of Halifax to the Board of Trade, desiring their opinion, whether there be in North America any means of employing convicts in public works. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 250. Draft. 2 folios.

Nov. 8. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Pownall to Sir Fletcher Norton, Solicitor Gen'l, desiring his opinion whether aliens, not naturalized under the Act of 13th Geo. II., Cap. 7, can acquire property in lands in America either by purchase, grant, or leave from the Crown. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 309. Entry. 3 folios.

Dec. 5. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—The Assembly of New Jersey, at the requisition from Sir Jeffrey Amherst, are debating now to furnish 600 men to join other forces for marching early in the spring into the Indian country—they may raise about 200 only, who will be stationed as a guard on the frontiers—the uncertainty of the cause of the revolt of the Indians—sends a printed copy of his Speech to the Assembly of New Jersey, inserted in the Pennsylvania Gazette of 1st Dec., 1763, No. 1823. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 34. Original. 10 folios, without the Speech.

Dec. 13. "Received." Memorial of merchants trading to the

Plantations, and of the several agents in behalf of their respective Provinces—Praying that encouragement may be given to the cultivation of hemp in the Colonies. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 19, R. 18. Original. 20 folios.

Dec. 14. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Earl of Halifax, Secr. of State, in answer to his of the 5th of November, about transporting convicts to America, and keeping them employed in some public works, informing him that there are no such works going on, except, perhaps, under the military department, which does not come within the cognizance of the Board. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 314. Entry. 4 folios.

[Dec. 23. Newark. Rev. Alexander McWhorter to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—Desires to enjoy his correspondence—writes by direction of New York Presbytery, in behalf of the Church of Newark Mountains, to recommend them to some young man esteemed for the knowledge of the truth. Copy. Presb. Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

[Dec. 29. Danbury Court. Mr. Joseph Mass White to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—The bearer in pursuit of a candidate for Newark Mountains (see Dec. 23d)—in that country they insist very much on a man's being a good speaker—they hate the *New England tone*—want one apt to be familiar, a man of religion *and* good principles, a kind, "curtious" people, willing to support the ministry honorably. Copy. Pres. Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

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Jan. 20. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—The Assembly of N. Jersey did not comply with Gen'l Amherst's requisition to raise 600 men to march against Indians, but granted £10,000 currency for the support of the Militia, and to raise 200 Provincials to serve on the frontiers until August next—nineteen other Acts were passed by the said Assembly, which will be sent by the next conveyance—remarks upon some of them. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 36. Original. 6 folios.

N. B.—Similar letter, and under the same date, was sent to the Earl of Egremont, Secr. of State. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172.

[Jan. 26. Newark. Rev. Alex. McWhorter to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—"As to new books, I think I don't live in a printing part of the world—there is a gentleman in our Province who has lately published a piece,* and being one of our Synod, he was censured for it last session: to wit, Mr. Harker, [Rev. Samuel Harker of Black River, New Jersey,] evidently a very inaccurate writer, a man of little reading, and has no settled scheme—some few young persons here seem under very serious concern, and there is a more solemn atten-

tion to the word preached than usual." Copy. Pres. Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[* No copy of this book exists in any of our libraries—its title is unknown. For some account of it, see Records of the Presb. Church, pp. 284, 297, 301, 308, 315, 325, 329, 332. He then published an Appeal to the Christian world—no copy is known to exist. Rev. John Blair replied. The Synod of New York and Philadelphia defended. From Rev. Richard Webster.]

[Feb. 3. London. Letter from (Captain ?) George Otter to Lewis Johnston, of Perth Amboy—Private affairs—had enquired about coopers, farmers, and gardeners and dairy-maids, on account of Mr. Johnston—sends a cooper, bound as a journeyman for seven years, at the rate of £25 sterling per annum—sends a set of tools with him. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Feb. 5. Lincoln's Inn. Report from Sir Matthew Lamb upon four Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed at their sessions in June, 1763. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 46. Original. 2 folios.

Feb. 8. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—As soon as the public accounts are ready, they will be sent over—observations upon the Custom duties in New Jersey—some doubts as to the likelihood of obtaining a bill from the Assembly for the issuing of the paper money to defray the charge of erecting a house for the Governor. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 39. Duplicate. 8 folios.

Feb. 9. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, concerning the revival of the bounties upon hemp—The paper currency in the American Colonies and the duties upon beaver skins—also upon the application of the New England merchants, relative to the duty upon whale-fins. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 343. Entry. 90 folios.

Feb. 28. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—The Chief Justice, R. H. Morris, having died on the 27th of January, the Gov'r, with the advice of the Council, appointed Charles Read, Esq., to that office—motives for so doing—James Parker and Richard Stockton, Esqrs., are recommended to fill the vacancies in the Council of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 40. Original. 4 folios.

[See letter of Wm. Smith in Gates' papers, in N. Y. Hist. Soc. MSS. Printed, in part, in "Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 180—Note.]

March 2. Whitehall. Letter from Secr. Pownall to Mr. Jenkinson, Secr. to the Lords of the Treasury, acquainting him with the Board's propositions to the King, to revise the bounties upon hemp from America, concerning the duties and drawbacks upon beaver skins, and the duties upon whale fins. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol, 45, p. 389. Entry. 3 folios.

March 6. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—The Assembly of New Jersey passed an Act to raise 300 men, being half the demand made by Gen'l Amherst—plan of operations proposed to Gov'r Franklin to Gen'l Gage—Gen'l Gage's answer thereto—want of union among the Colonies will delay the military operations—remarks upon some of the Acts passed by the Assembly—Mr. Lewis Morris Ashfield claims seniority at the Council Board before Mr. Ogden—the case is referred to the decision of the Board of Trade. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 41 & 42. Original. 9 folios.

N. B.—Similar letter as to the subject-matter, and of the same date, was written to the Earl of Halifax, Secr. of State, enclosing copy of Gen'l Gage's answer to Gov'r Franklin, approving his proposed plan of operations. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172.

March 9. St. James'. Order in Council approving the report of the Board of Trade upon several memorials of merchants trading to the Colonies in America, on various important matters, and directing that proposals relative thereto be laid before Parliament. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 250. Orig'l. (About) 220 folios.

March 12. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—Sends copies of twenty Acts passed at the session of the Assembly of New Jersey in December last, together with the Minutes of Assembly. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 43. Original. 1 folio.

[March 16. Lincoln, England. Letter from (Captain ?) George Otter to Lewis Johnston, Perth Amboy—Had previously sent a gardener to Mr. J., whose arrival had been heard of—had also heard that there was no prospect of his obtaining the island in the Delaware he had enquired about, (see letter, Jan. 6, 1762,) it having been granted to the Corporation of Burlington—acquaints him, with pleasure, "the Stamp Act is repealed, but, in my opinion, they have completely stamped themselves (F—s) for meddling with things—I dare say no more." Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[April 16. Newark. Rev. Alex. McWhorter to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—Arguments against the prevailing practice in the Presbyterian Church of baptizing adults not purposing to come to the Lord's Table, and their children—"I have been struggling to act upon principle, but I can't, hardly in any thing, get matters brought to my mind." Copy. Pres. Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

April 28. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—Transmits several public papers—it is reported that the Six Nations of Indians are going to give such assistance as will put an end to the Indian war this summer. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 44. Original. 2 folios.

[April 30 to Sept. 15. Journal of Captain Elias Dayton, during an expedition against the Indians on North Western frontier. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

May 8. St. James'. Letter from the Earl of Halifax, principal Secretary of State, to the Board of Trade, desiring them to prepare an account of the tender and amount of the bills of credit which have been created and issued in the several American Colonies, pursuant to the enclosed resolution of the House of Commons. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 19, R. 49. Letter, original, 1 folio; Copy, incl. 2 do.: 3 folios.

May 11. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to Governors of the American Plantations, enclosing printed copies of several Acts, passed in the last session of Parliament, relating to America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 400. Entry. 1 folio.

May 11. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to several Governors of the American Colonies, enclosing copies of the resolutions of the House of Commons upon the subject of the paper money being issued there. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 401. Entry. 1 folio.

May 12. St. James'. Letter from Secr. Halifax to Gov'r Franklin, notifying to him the King's satisfaction with the zeal and diligence which he had exerted in protecting the frontier settlements of New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Draft. 1 folio.

May 18. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing an additional instruction to the Governors in the American Colonies, with regard to regulating the fees taken in the several offices of Government there. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 402. Entry. 4 folios.

May 21. Whitehall. Order of Council, desiring the Board of Trade to prepare and lay before them drafts of instructions to the Governors of the American Colonies, conformable to their representation, relating to tables of fees, and that they add a clause requiring the said Governor to transmit exact tables of all fees legally established in their respective Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 19, R. 50. Original. 3 folios.

May 28. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Committee of Council, with draft of an additional instruction to the Governors in the American Plantations, with regard to regulating the fees taken in the several offices of Government there. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 403. Entry. 7 folios.

(June 8. "Received.") Letter from George Croghan to the

Board of Trade—Remarks on the temper, manners, &c., of the Indians—ideas on the best methods for giving a permanent peace to the Colonies in America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 19, R. 54. Original. 45 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VII. p. 602, and of date Jan., 1764.]

July 3. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing Fred'k Smyth and Ja's Parker, Esqrs., to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Robert Hunter Morris and Richard Saltar, Esqrs., deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 182. Entry. 2 folios.

[For notice of Mr. Parker see "Contributions to East Jersey History"---Mr. Smyth (see July 13,) became also Chief Justice of the Province, and continued so until the Revolution in 1776. See Field's Provincial Courts—Force's American Archives, &c.]

July 5. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing the repeal of an Act passed in New Jersey, in Sept., 1762, for rendering void the lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, for the sale of certain lands, &c. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 183. Entry. 3 folios.

July 10. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Sir Wm. Johnson—The interference of particular Provinces in the Indian affairs in North America, and the consequent distracted state of it, induced the Board to prepare a plan of conducting the same upon one general system, under the direction of officers appointed by the Crown—transmit a copy of the heads of the plan, and desire to be furnished with further lights on the subject. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 407. Entry. 24 folios. Letter. Entry. 48 folios. Plan. p. 428.

Similar letter under the above date was written also to John Stuart, Esq., Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Southern District of North America—p. 415.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VII., p. 634.]

July 10. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Board of Trade to several Governors in North America, enclosing copies of a plan for the future management of Indian affairs. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 421. Entry. 50 folios.

[The plan may be found printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VII. p. 637.]

July 13. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Franklin—His conduct in the Government of New Jersey approved—the proceedings of the Assembly are commented upon—the idea of their "appointing an Agent for the Province at the Court of Great Britain" ridiculed—reasons for repealing an Act rendering void the lottery lately made by Peter Gordon—James Parker and Frederick Smyth, Esqrs., recommended to be of the Council of New Jersey—and the latter to be Chief Justice of that Province—no objection to imposing a duty upon the importation of negroes—Mr. Ogden is to

have precedence before Mr. Ashfield in the Council. [See 1764, March 6.] S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 185. Entry. 10 folios.

[July 14. Lincoln, Eng. Letter from (Captain ?) Geo. Otter to Lewis Johnston, of Perth Amboy—Had made enquiry for a farmer and dairy-maid and had found such as would have suited, "but the very name of America was as detestable to them as you once did know the Germans were to me"—could as soon ship St. Paul's —family and private affairs. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

(July 20.) List of Commissioners named by Mr. Wilmot, on the part of New Jersey, for running the boundary line between that Province and New York, viz., Gov'r Franklin, Andrew Oliver, of Massachusetts Bay, and Peter Randolph, Payton Randolph, Rich'd Corbin, of Virginia. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 47. Original. 1 folio.

Aug. 11. St. James'. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State to the Governors in North America, desiring them from to time to transmit such information as they may procure relative to the illicit trade within their respective Governments—the method in which it is conducted, the commodities in which it is concerned, the extent to which it is carried, and the means of preventing the same. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 250. Draft. 2 folios.

Aug. 11. St. James'. Circular Letter from the Secr. of State to the Governors in North America, desiring them that the conveyance of letters, by the post, should be facilitated and extended throughout the Colonies. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 250. Draft. 3 folios.

Aug. 11. St. James'. Circular Letter from the Earl of Halifax to the Governors in North America—The House of Commons came to a resolution to charge certain stamp duties in the Colonies and Plantation, and the Governors are desired to transmit, without delay, a list of all instruments made use of in public transactions, &c. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 250. Draft. 3 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VII. p. 646.]

[Aug. 24. Elizabethtown. Letter from Robert Ogden to Cortlandt Skinner—Encloses a copy of resolutions received from the Committee of Correspondence of Massachusetts Assembly, for his perusal and advice—all the Colonies should unite and exert themselves to keep off the threatened blow of imposing taxes, duties, &c., —an Assembly having been called in New York, suggests that Gov'r Franklin be requested to call the New Jersey Assembly at an early day. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[Mr. Ogden was delegate from New Jersey to the Congress which met in New York, Oct. 7, 1765, and shared with Mr. Ruggles, of Massachusetts, the unenviable distinction of having dissented from the action of the Congress and withdrawn

from its deliberations. Being Speaker of the New Jersey Assembly, a meeting of that body was called at his request on 27th Nov., and the next day he resigned that position and his seat as a member from Essex Co., and an indirect censure was passed upon *him* by resolutions thanking his associates in the Congress for the "faithful and judicious discharge of the trust reposed in them."]

[Sept. 13. New York. Letter from Joseph Sackett, Jr., to Cortlandt Skinner, in relation to the title to the common lands belonging to the Island Sekakus, in Bergen County, in the possession of Edward Earle. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Sept. 21. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Halifax, Secr. of State—Expresses his thanks for the honor of his Lordship's letter of the 12th of May last, and the earnest desire to merit the continuance of the King's approbation of his conduct in the Government of New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 2 folios.

Sept. 28. Lincoln's Inn. Report from Sir Matthew Lamb to the Board of Trade, giving his opinion upon twenty Acts of the N. Jersey Assembly, passed there in Dec., 1763. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 60. Original. 11 folios.

[Oct. 2. Stratford. Opinion of Wm. Samuel Johnson as to the ownership of the common lands set off to the island Sekakus, in Bergen Co., then in the possession of Edward Earle—chain of title appended, with copies of the documents. Orig'l. Whitehead MSS.]

Oct. 4. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—Every endeavour will be made to get the Assembly of New Jersey, in their proceedings, to correspond as nearly to the principles of the British Constitution as possible—the lottery Act and an Act for imposing a duty on the importation of negroes, was passed by Gov'r Hardy. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 55. Duplicate. 3 folios.

Oct. 10. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade, enclosing several papers referring to a complaint made by Capt. Kennedy against an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, for making partition of the common lands of Bergen. S. P O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 56. Letter, original, 3 folios; enclosures, copies, 42 folios—45 folios.

N. B. A letter on the same subject was written to the Earl of Halifax, Secr. of State. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172.

[Capt. Archibald Kennedy was interested in a tract of land near Jersey City, and at one time had a country seat on the east bank of the Passaic, north of Newark. He became a Captain in the Royal Navy, April 4th, 1757. His second wife was the eldest daughter of John Watts, of New York, in which city Captain Kennedy also had property, at the lower end of Broadway and near the Battery. He succeeded to the title of Earl of Cassilis in the Scotch Peerage, and died Dec. 29, 1794. See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VII. p. 822.]

Oct. 10. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl

of Halifax—Owing to the absence of the Chief Justice and Attorney General upon the Circuits, he is obliged to defer complying with his Lordship's commands to transmit a list of such instruments, &c., as may be proper to charge with proper duties. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 1 folio.

Oct. 13. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—Further remarks with regard to the nature of the New Jersey Act for partition of Bergen, complained of by Capt. Kennedy—the laws and customs of that Province and New York for dividing lands. S P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 57. Original. 3 folios.

Similar letter was written to Secr. of State, the Earl of Halifax. See S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172.

Oct. 28. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. of State, the Earl of Halifax, enclosing the Attorney General's list of the instruments, &c., made use of in New Jersey, and the Secretary's observations thereupon, pointing out such articles in the said list as will bear the highest stamp duty. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 11 folios.

[Oct. —. Perth Amboy. Letter from James Parker to Gov'r Franklin—Acknowledging the receipt of His Majesty's mandamus to be one of the Council of New Jersey. Original draft. Whitehead MSS.]

Nov. 8. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secretary of State, the Earl of Halifax—There is no illicit trade in New Jersey, owing to the vigilance of the officers of the Customs—that Province has very little trade to any place but New York and Philadelphia, where they sell their produce. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Duplicate. 2 folios.

Nov. 8. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. of State, the Earl of Halifax—Every assistance will be given to forward the measures proposed by the Postmaster General for improving correspondence between the several Colonies—there is no separate map of New Jersey published as yet, but one is being prepared —the post between New York and Philadelphia goes through New Jersey three times a week—some new roads have been opened lately. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Duplicate. 4 folios.

Nov. 12. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. of State, the Earl of Halifax—The mandamus directing to issue a Commission to Frederick Smyth, Esq., appointing him Chief Justice of New Jersey, was obeyed—Mr. Smyth met with a very good reception from the principal gentlemen of the Colony, and Governor Franklin procured £50 per annum to be added to the profits of his office. S. P. O., Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Duplicate. 2 folios.

Dec. 7. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade

(signed by Secr. Pownall) to several Governors in North America, enclosing a copy of Minutes of the Treasury Board, desiring an account of all the bills drawn by any Commander-in-Chief or Governor during the late campaign. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 444. Entry. 4 folios.

Dec. 7. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Pownall to Governor Franklin, enclosing an order of Council for repealing an Act of N. Jersey Assembly, passed in 1762, entitled an Act for rendering void the lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, &c. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 190. Entry. 2 folios.

[—— Assessors list for the poor rate in Shrewsbury. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

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Jan. 9. Lincoln's Inn. Report from Sir Matthew Lamb to the Board of Trade, giving his opinion upon six Acts of the New Jersey Assembly, passed there in Feb., 1764. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 61. Original. 6 folios.

Feb. 9. St. James'. Circular Letter from the Earl of Halifax to the Governors in North America, transmitting some explanatory orders relative to the command of the troops stationed in their respective Governments. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 251. Draft. 2 folios.

Feb. 21. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. of State, the Earl of Halifax, enclosing a petition to the King in Council from the principal possessors of the islands in the River Delaware, praying to be annexed to the Province of New Jersey, and offering his remarks upon the same. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 9 folios.

June 20. Burlington. Letter from the Speaker of the Assembly of New Jersey to the Speaker of the Massachusetts Bay Assembly—Though the people of New Jersey are not without "a just sensibility" respecting the Stamp Act, yet they are against uniting on the present occasion, and only wish the other Colonies success they can "loyally and reasonably desire." S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Copy. 2 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Conway, Sept. 23, 1765.

[July 31. Lincoln, England. Letter from (Captain ?) George Otter to Lewis Johnston, of Perth Amboy—Regrets to hear the cooper (see Letter, Feb. 3d, 1764,) had "proved a rascal"—had been well recommended, but "the people on this side hold you cheap, and therefore think any thing will do for America"—Lord Scarborough had informed him that the island in the Delaware (see Letters, Jan. 6, 1762, and March, 16, 1764,) had been granted to the Corporation of Burlington "for reasons of State"—had applied for "something

civil or military in any part of the globe." Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Aug. 8. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—Transmits several public papers—the Assembly of New Jersey were prevailed upon to grant some bounties for raising hemp and flax and the culture of silk—they have made provision for surveying the public roads—the reasons for not assenting to the Act for regulating the practice of the law—indiscreet practices of the lawyers—the Province enjoys perfect peace. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 58. Original. 3 folios.

Aug. 23. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to all the Governors in the American Plantations, informing them of the appointment of new Commissioners, and desiring an exact and faithful account of all occurrences within the Provinces under their respective Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 465. Entry. 2 folios.

Sept. 3. Philadelphia. Letter from Mr. Wm. Coxe to Governor Franklin—Informs him of having surrendered the office of Distributor of Stamps for N. Jersey to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Copy. 1 folio.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Conway, Sept. 23, 1765.

[The "Sons of Liberty," of Woodbridge and Piscataway, particularly prominent in inducing the resignation of Mr. Coxe. See Note to Nov. 13, and "Contributions to the History of Perth Amboy and Surrounding country," p. 398.]

Sept. 4. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Mr. Wm. Coxe—As he made application for the office of the Distributor of Stamps in New Jersey, so he is bound in honor to *endeavour*, at least, to carry it into execution—Gov'r Franklin having no power to appoint another person in his place, it is necessary that he, Mr. Coxe, should keep the papers belonging to that office until further orders from home. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Copy. 4 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Conway, Sept. 23, 1765.

Sept. 14. St. James'. Letter from Secr. Conway to Governor Franklin—the petition from the principal possessors of the islands in the River Delaware has been laid before the King in Council, and will have all that attention which its importance deserves. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Draft. 2 folios.

Sept. 14. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to General Gage—The Distributor of Stamps in New Jersey having resigned his office on account of the intimations he had received, and having refused to take the charge of the said stamps, Gov'r Franklin is desirous to be informed whether he could have the aid of the military

in case he should find it necessary to call upon them. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Copy. 4 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Conway, Sept. 23, 1765.

Sept. 16. New York. Letter from Gen. Gage to Gov'r Franklin, informing him that he may depend upon having one hundred men, with proper officers, ready to march to New Jersey at his requisition, to preserve good order in that Province. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Copy. 2 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Conway, Sept. 23, 1765.

Sept. 23. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the R't Hon. H. S. Conway, Secr. of State—Congratulates upon his appointment to the Secretaryship—the principal matter which agitates the minds of the people of New Jersey, is the Act of Parliament for establishing a stamp duty in America—the Distributor of Stamps resigned his office—Gen. Gage has promised the aid of the military if it should be necessary—he, the Governor, will appoint a person to distribute the stamps until he receives further commands on the subject from home. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 8 folios.

Enclosing several of foregoing documents.

Oct. 10. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—Notwithstanding the many inflammatory publications which have been circulated against the Stamp Act, from the neighbouring Provinces, peace and order prevails throughout New Jersey—the Distributor of Stamps resigned his office through timidity—the stamps are removed on board the King's ship Sardine—there will be a great difficulty to find any gentleman in the Province who can give security, and be willing to undertake the office of Distributor of Stamps. S. P. O., B. T New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 49. Original. 5 folios.

[Oct. 24. St. James'. Letter from Hon. H. S. Conway, Under Secretary of State, to Gov'r Franklin, commenting upon the proceedings of the Colonies, and authorizing the Governor, if necessary to repel any outrage, to call upon the Commanders of the land and naval forces for assistance. Copy. Whitehead MSS.

This copy sent by order of Gov. Franklin to James Parker, one of the Council, for his advice, as to the propriety of calling the Assembly together to lay the letter before them. See 1766, Jan. 22.]

[—— Anonymous communication to Cadwallader Colden, in relation to the report that he had bound himself by an oath to enforce the Stamp Act, threatening him with the vengeance of the populace. Copy in the handwriting of Cortlandt Skinner. Whitehead MSS.]

[For Lieut. Gov. Colden's views and proceedings, see N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VII. pp. 769-771.]

Oct. 27. St. Martin's Lane, London. Letter from Mr. Huske to Secr. Conway, enclosing observations on the trade of Great Britain to her American Colonies, and on their trade to foreign Plantations, with a plan for retrieving, extending, and securing thereof. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 251. Original. 50 folios.

Nov. 12. Representation from the Bishop of London to the Board of Trade, desiring their instructions to the Governor of New Jersey, that, for the future, marriage licenses may be directed *only* to a Protestant Minister of the Gospel there. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 48. Original. 4 folios.

Nov. 13. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—Received no instructions to carry the Stamp Act into execution—transmits a copy of the Minutes of Council, with their advice on the subject—the seditious spirit from the neighbouring Colonies is beginning to appear in New Jersey—the people of that Province are sure to follow the example set to them by their neighbours—at the last Supreme Court only criminal matters were transacted—the lawyers have entered into an agreement not to act under the Stamp Law. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 51. Letter, original, 6 folios; Enclosures, copies, 25 do.: 31 folios.

[To the members of the Bar, the distinction is to be conceded of having been the first to adopt a systematic opposition to the use of stamps in New Jersey. At that day the lawyers, as a body, were perhaps equal, if not superior, in talents and character to those who at any subsequent period have upheld the honor of the State and of their profession; and although many of them, rather than countenance a resort to arms to procure a redress of grievances, eventually abandoned the cause of the colonists, yet at the period under consideration, they were deeply interested in the matter at issue, and warmly opposed to the encroachments of power and ministerial influence.

The unhappy state in which the colonies were thrown by the passage of the Stamp Act, had induced several of the leading men of the profession to call a general meeting at Perth Amboy, in September, 1765, (the arrival of the stamp papers being then daily looked for,) in order to consult upon the adoption of such measures as should indicate their true opinion to the people of the Province, while, at the same time, they prevented any improper popular commotions adverse to the authority of the Government. The meeting took place; and, after a full discussion of the act and its anticipated effects, those present determined, without a dissenting voice, that they would not as lawyers, make any use of the stamps for any purpose or under any circumstances; and this was understood to be likewise the intention of most of the gentlemen of the bar who were absent. This was certainly the wisest course they could have adopted;—it prevented any immediate collision with the Government;—it called for no violation of official oaths, or resignation by the functionaries of the different courts: and although it would inevitably operate much to their pecuniary detriment, yet they had the satisfaction of knowing that it rendered the stamps entirely useless as a source of revenue to the Crown.

The day after this meeting, (Sept. 20, 1765,) all the practitioners were desired to attend the Chief Justice. On their doing so, that officer alluded to a report which had become currrent, of his having solicited and exerted himself to obtain the situation of stamp distributor for the colony; and stated that the impropriety of the act was a sufficient refutation of the charge; but, in order that there might be no doubt on the subject, he declared upon his honor that he had in no way attempted to obtain the office.

He then inquired of them whether, should the stamps arrive and be placed at Burlington by, or after, the first of November, as was expected, they would, as practitioners, agree to purchase them for the necessary proceedings in the law? This they answered in the negative, in conformity to their previous resolution, stating that they would rather have their private interests give way to public opinion:—protesting at the same time against all riotous and indecent behavior, which they would discountenance; by every means in their power preserving order, while by an absolute refusal to make use of stamps, and other quiet methods, they would endeavor to obtain a repeal of the law. They were then asked if it was their opinion, should the act go into operation, that the duties could possibly be paid in gold and silver? This was also answered in the negative, a conviction being expressed that such payment could not be made even for one year.

The Chief Justice then inquired, in the third place, if in their opinion—as the Act required the Governor and Chief Justice to superintend the distribution—*he* should be obliged to act as distributor, should the Governor appoint him to that office? In answer to this, they advised him not to accept the appointment, the Governor not being authorized by the Act to appoint, and if he had that power, he could not enforce acceptance;—and moreover they deemed the office incompatible with the official station he already held.*

What a commentary is this proceeding of the Chief Justice upon the wisdom of the English Ministry! How illustrative, either of their ignorance or infatuation, that the head of the judiciary of the Province—a commissioned officer of the Crown—independent of the people—and one who continued loyal to the King throughout the struggle, should be so convinced of the oppressive character of the Act, as willingly to excuse himself from putting it in execution, even should it be in opposition to the Governor!

The communication of these opinions and resolutions drew forth the warmest approbation from the public, but it was to be expected that such an entire cessation of all legal proceedings would not only occasion great confusion in the transaction of business generally, but also, excite to the adoption of more energetic measures to frustrate the operation of the detested Act, which might leave the people at liberty to pursue their usual vocations untrammelled by its provisions. Endeavors were soon made to transact the business of the courts as usual, and censures were publicly cast upon them for refusing so to do. They were well sustained, however, in their determination.

It was stated that, to the lasting honor of the lawyers of New Jersey it had been, and would be said they had set the example as the most determined opposers of the oppressive Acts of Parliament. Some of the most learned and judicious had declared that the Act was of such a nature, and so curiously fabricated, it would execute itself, and not an American patriot ever fancied that the Provinces could have given such spirited and universal opposition. An expectation of submission had continued almost universal down to the eve of that fatal day destined for the commencement of their slavery; and every city, town, and village upon this vast continent resounded with the knell of departing liberty. The merchants could not think of venturing their fortunes in a vessel not protected by a stamped passport,—not a person who held an office under the crown could think of losing his appointment, and thereby perhaps the only means of subsisting himself and family, by opposing an act framed under the direction of the King's Ministry,—not a farmer who could bear to think of taking a conveyance for lands without a stamp, when his estate for want thereof was declared void; nor would he offer to try an action at law without the same prerequisites, lest his recovery should be illegal; in short, the caution of the merchants, the fear of the public officers, and the ignorance of the common people would undoubtedly have introduced the stamped papers, had not the professors of the law (through whose hands most of them must have passed) at that instant stood forth and declared they would not

* For these proceedings at length, Vide Annual Remembrancer, Vol. I., "Prior Documents," p. 24, and New York Gazette, October 24, 1765. The article in the Gazette, which is a communication from New Jersey, does not mention the second query.

receive them. The colonists were urged to continue in their present state till some decisive intelligence should be received, not to call upon the courts to open, lest the public peace should be broken, nor contradict their public petitions for relief, by attempting it with their own hands before it should be denied by the mother country.*

There were, however, among the members of the Bar those who, either from pecuniary or sinister motives, were in favor of ultra measures, and by some of them it was deemed advisable to hold another meeting for the purpose of consultation; this convened at New Brunswick on the 13th of February, 1766. The title of "Sons of Liberty" first adopted at this crisis by the freemen of Connecticut, was soon assumed by the active citizens of New Jersey. The proceedings of individuals and public bodies were subjected to the surveillance of these associated patriots, receiving their censure or approbation as circumstances might warrant, although in a more limited degree than was subsequently the case;—the approaching convention of lawyers was consequently not overlooked.

On the appointed day, several hundreds of the Sons of Liberty from Woodbridge and Piscataway, joined by deputies from the western part of the Province, presented themselves at New Brunswick, and handed in to the gentlemen of the bar who were there assembled, a written and "united request that they should immediately proceed to business as usual without stamps, and use their influence to open the courts of justice."† After due deliberation, the majority of the gentlemen agreed, in order "to preserve that happy state of peace and tranquillity which has, by the blessing of God, hitherto been maintained in this Province of New Jersey, to desist from their practice till the first day of April next, and if they receive no accounts from the Parliament before the said first day of April, they will, in such case, begin their practice as usual, or sooner, if earlier accounts are received." They also appointed two of their number to assure the Sons of Liberty, in the name of the whole, that, unless the Stamp Act was suspended or repealed, they would join in opposition to it with their lives and fortunes. The course adopted met with the approval of the assembled patriots,—thanks were returned, and hopes expressed that such an example might be imitated by every gentleman of the profession on the continent.

The subsequent repeal of the Stamp Act put an end to all further proceedings; but the firmness, disinterestedness, prudence and patriotism already exhibited by the lawyers of that day, deserve to be recorded.

* Vide an able article in New York Gazette of February 20th, 1766, in answer to a letter signed A. B., published in the same paper January 30th, containing matter of the character referred to in the text.

† A draft of this written request made at the time, and apparently the rough one from which the perfect copy was made, is in the possession of the Editor of this volume. It is *on the same sheet, with an imperfect copy of the resolution, agreed to by the lawyers*, indicating the exercise of some influence, or direction, by one of the members of the bar, over the proceedings of the Sons of Liberty; for from their juxtaposition, their origin must have been the same. If the papers of the day are to be believed, some of the lawyers (particularly those of Elizabethtown) did soon after resume their business without stamps.]

Nov. 30. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Conway—The infection, with regard to the Stamp Act, has spread from the neighbouring Colonies to N. Jersey—they committed no riots as yet, but the most prudent management is necessary to prevent them—the Minutes of Council and Votes of Assembly are sent to enable to form a true judgment of the situation of the Province. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Orig'l. 2 folios.

[Dec. 9. Letter from the Committee of Correspondence of the New Jersey Assembly to Joseph Sherwood, the agent of the Province, in London—Transmitting copies of the petitions to the King and both Houses of Parliament, agreed to by the Congress in New

York—the Minutes of the House of Assembly, relating to the resignation of the Speaker, (Robert Ogden,) and communicating their views upon the exciting topics of the day. Original draft by Cortlandt Skinner. Whitehead MSS.

The answers of Sherwood to the letters written to him, are in the possession of the N. J. Hist. Soc., and printed in their Proceedings, Vol. V. p. 131.]

Dec. 12. Philadelphia. Letter from Col. [George] Croghan to Benjamin Franklin, Esq., giving an account of his journey through the Indian country—Transmits a journal of his transactions—proposals for regulating the trade with the Indians. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 251. Orig'l. 160 folios.

[See the "Journal and Transactions" in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VII. p. 779. Col. Croghan was Deputy Agent for Indian affairs; and the New York Colonial Documents contain many of his letters and reports relating to the Indian tribes: and for a biographical sketch, see note by Mr. O'Callaghan in Vol. VII. p. 982.]

Dec. 12. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Franklin, enclosing copy of representation from the Bishop of London to that Board, (see 12th Nov., 1765,) about the propriety of licenses for marriages in New Jersey being directed to the Clergy only—desiring his opinion on the subject. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 191. Entry. 2 folios.

Dec. 17. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Benjamin Franklin, Esq., in London—The success of Col. Croghan in his negotiations with the Indians—boundary in Indian country—retribution to be made in lands by the Indians to the merchants. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 251. Orig'l. 10 folios.

Dec. 18. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—Notwithstanding the Assembly of New Jersey's refusal to send a Committee to the Congress at New York, the Speaker [Robert Ogden] summoned the House to oblige the people of East Jersey, and prevailed upon them to choose three; but refusing to be one of the Committee, he was burned in effigy in almost all the towns of East Jersey, which induced him to resign his seat in the Assembly—the Minutes of Council and Assembly contain particulars of the Assembly's further proceedings—the Stamp Act has not been yet carried into execution; the officers dare not do it for fear of being torn to pieces by the mob—the stamps are still on board the man-of-war—the business is at a stand still. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 53. Original. 7 folios.

Dec. 19. St. James'. Letter from Mr. Secretary Conway to the Board of Trade—That all papers and letters concerning the riots in America, touching the opposition to the Stamp Act, be forwarded to him, to be laid before the King. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 20, S. 86. Original. 3 folios.

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Jan. 7. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Secre-

tary the Duke of Grafton—Transmitting copies of all papers containing information of the riots in America against the Stamp Act. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 481. Entry. 20 folios.

[Jan. 14. Newark. Letter from David Ogden to Philip Kearny, of Perth Amboy—Had received the request of several gentlemen of the law to appoint a meeting of Attornies to consult in relation to the resumption of business under the Stamp Act—is not in favor of the meeting—prefers abiding by their first determination—from the accounts just received, thinks their troubles are just beginning—if the meeting should be held, recommends Amboy —See Nov. 13th, 1765. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[Jan. 22. Perth Amboy. Letter from the Secretary of the Province to James Parker, one of the Council, enclosing a copy of Secretary Conway's despatch of October 24th, 1765, by order of the Governor, who wishes his advice upon the propriety of calling an Assembly for the purpose of laying the letter before them. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[Jan. 22. Perth Amboy. Letter from James Parker to Governor Franklin, on the receipt of the foregoing, giving his reasons for the opinion, that the calling of an Assembly to consider Secretary Conway's letter would answer no salutary end. Original draft. Whitehead MSS.]

Jan. 29. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the House of Commons, giving (in pursuance to their resolution and Address to the King on the 22d of Jan.) a statement of the annual expense of the several establishments of the Colonies in N. America and the West Indies, distinguishing each Colony respectively; and likewise a statement of the debts incurred by the Colonies in North America and the West Indies, as they stood at the end of the late war, distinguishing what part of the said debts remains undischarged, and the provision made for such discharge, &c. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 489. Entry. 24 folios.

N. B.—Similar report was sent to the House of Lords 25th Feb., 1766. See S. P.O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 507.

Jan. 30. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to the Hon'ble H. S. Conway, Secr. of State, enclosing copy of Gov'r Franklin's letter to them of the 13th Nov., 1765, relating to the proceedings of the New Jersey Council with regard to the Stamp Act. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 192. Entry. 2 folios.

Feb. 7. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Secr. Conway, with copies and extracts of several letters relating to the stamp riots in the several Colonies in North America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 45, p. 499. Entry. 1 folio.

March 1. St. James'. Circular Letter from Mr. Secr. Con-

way to the several Governors in North America—Cannot give any instructions how to act in the perplexed situation of things in the Colonies—a bill is brought in and has made some progress in the House of Commons for the repeal of the Stamp Act. S P. O., B. T. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 251. Draft. 2 folios.

March 27. An Address of the House of Commons to the King, praying that the instruction be given to the Governors in North America, to transmit particular and exact accounts of the several manufactures, which have been set up and carried on in their respective Governments from the year 1734. S. P. O. Am. &. W. Indies. Vol 254. Copy. 2 folios.

March 31. St. James'. Circular Letter from Secr. Conway to several Governors in N. America—Transmitting copies of two Acts of Parliament—one for securing the dependency of the Colonies on the mother country, the second for the repeal of the Stamp Act; and shortly another will be sent, viz., for the indemnity of such persons as have incurred the penalties imposed by the Stamp Act—to recommend to their respective Assemblies full and ample compensation to be made to those who have suffered during the late riots. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 251. Draft. 9 folios.

[April 10. Elizabethtown. Rev. James Caldwell to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—Yesterday Mr. Jedediah Chapman was examined for ordination—the Presbytery highly pleased—the congregation of Newark Mountains satisfied, except with his delivery and something in the management of his voice—" we love him much." Copy. Pres. Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

[May? Burlington. Samuel Smith to Cortlandt Skinner, Speaker of the Assembly—Transmitting a rough draft of an Address to the King, expressive of gratitude at the repeal of the Stamp Act, —and requesting that an order may issue for an election of a member in his place. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

June 12. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Duke of Richmond [Secr. of State] to all the Governors in North America and the West Indies, transmitting copy of the Act of Parliament to indemnify such persons as have incurred the penalties imposed upon them by the Stamp Act. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 251. Draft. 4 folios.

June 19. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Mr Secr. Pownall to the Governors in the American Plantations, transmitting printed copies of the several Acts of Parliament, passed in the last session, which relate to America. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 11. Entry. 1 folio.

June 19. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Conway—The Council and Assembly of N. Jersey return their

thanks for relieving that country from the difficulties occasioned by the Stamp Act—glad to have been able to preserve peace—sends a copy of his Speech to the Assembly, and their and the Council's Address to the King. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Orig'l. 4 folios. Enclosures. 18 folios.

[June 20. Reply of the Council to the Speech of Governor Franklin at the opening of the session of the Legislature. Original draft in the handwriting of James Parker. Whitehead MSS.]

June 30. Lincoln's Inn. Report from Sir Matthew Lamb to the Board of Trade, giving his opinion upon thirty-five Acts of the N. Jersey Assembly, passed there in May and June, 1765. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 62. Original. 18 folios.

July 10. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Duke of Richmond to all the Governors in America, transmitting an Act of Parliament for repealing certain duties in the British Colonies and Plantations, granted by several Acts of Parliament, &c., and for granting other duties instead thereof. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 251. Draft. 1 folio.

Aug. 1. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Board of Trade to the Governors of the Plantations in America, requiring from them an account of the several manufactures which have been set up and carried on within their respective Governments, pursuant to an Address of the House of Commons to the King on the 27th of March last. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 19. Entry. 2 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VII. p. 84]

Aug. 8. St. James'. Order of Council directing the Board of Trade to prepare additional instructions to all the Governors in the Plantations to transmit, in future, any particular or general accounts of their proceedings, or of matters relative to their Governments to the King, through one of the principal Secretaries of State, and duplicates of the same to the Board of Trade, except in cases of a secret nature. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 106. Original. 4 folios.

Aug. 9. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing draft of additional instructions to the Governors in the American Plantations regulating their correspondence, conformable with the Order of Council of the 8th instant. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 20. Entry. 5 folios.

[See New York Col. Docts., Vol. VII. p. 848.]

Aug. 9. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Shelburne to all the Governors in America, acquainting them with the resignation of the Duke of Richmond and his own appointment as Secretary for the Southern Department, and desiring that all despatches in future may be addressed to him. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 251. Draft. 2 folios.

Aug. 9. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Shelburne to all the Governors in America, transmitting an Order of Council of the 8th inst., which revokes and repeals every clause and article contained in the order made by the late King on the 11th March, 1752. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 251. Draft. 1 folio.

[Sept. 2. State of a case drawn from the Will of Thomas Hart, (one of the twenty-four Proprietors of East Jersey,) submitted to Philip Kearny, of Perth Amboy, with his opinion. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[See opinion of Sir Philip Yorke, May 24, 1729; and of Peter Bond, May 1, 1786.]

Sept. 8. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Duke of Richmond—Congratulates him upon being appointed Secr. of State, and wishes to have the King's commands to correspond with him. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Orig'l. 1 folio.

Sept. 10. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—Sends some of the public papers—owing to the indisposition of the principal clerk in the Secretary's Office, the certified copies of the Minutes of New Jersey Council could not be got ready for this conveyance. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 59. Original. 2 folios.

Sept. 11. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Duke of Richmond, Secr. of State—Acknowledges to have received the Acts of Parliament relative to America, and sends printed copies of the last Votes and Acts of Assembly of New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 2 folios.

Sept. 13. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Shelburne to all the Governors in America—The superintendents of the Indian affairs complain of the most unprovoked murders having been committed upon the Indians under the British protection, and that the settlements have been made on the back of the Provinces beyond the limits prescribed by the proclamation of 1763—the Governors are desired to remedy those evils, and the Commander-in-Chief has received orders to co-operate with them. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 251. Draft. 5 folios.

Sept. 13. Whitehall. Letter from Secr. Shelburne to Gov'r Franklin—Conveying the King's approval of the conduct of the people of New Jersey during the late disturbances, and commending Gov'r Franklin's conduct in the Government of that Province. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Draft. 3 folios.

[Sept. 25. Bloomsbury Square. Letter from Henry Wilmot to Cortlandt Skinner—Acknowledging the receipt of Assembly's resolution appointing him agent of the Province—the Address to the King accompanying the resolution had been presented and inserted

in the Gazette—another change in the administration had been made —such frequent changes detrimental to the public interests—Lord Chatham "in full possession of the closet at present"—Lord Camden Chancellor—Lord Northington President of the Council, &c.—Parliament to meet on 11th November—considerable opposition expected. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Dec. 11. Whitehall. Letter from Secretary Lord Shelburne to the Governor of New Jersey—To transmit, for the King's information, an exact estimate of the annual charge of maintaining and supporting the entire establishment of that Province; also a full and clear account of the manner of imposing quit-rents, and of levying them, as also the mode of granting lands. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 270. Draft. 3 folios.

Dec. 16. Burlington. Letter from Governor Franklin to the Earl of Shelburne, Secr. of State—His Lordship's letter was communicated to the Council of New Jersey—some few violences were committed upon the Indians, but the miscreants were punished—sends Minutes of Council—remarks upon the Act for supplying the several barracks, &c.,—the troops, in New Jersey are perfectly satisfied with their quarters. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 64. Duplicate. 13 folios.

N. B. The original letter (which is in S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies, Vol. 172,) is dated Dec. 18, but evidently altered from Dec. 16.

Dec. 18. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—Enclosing copy of his letter to the Secr. of State, the Earl of Shelburne, dated 16th Dec., 1766, for the Board's information. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 63. Original. 1 folio.

Dec. 23? Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Shelburne, Secr. of State—One Seymour was tried by a special commission of Oyer and Terminer in the County of Sussex in New Jersey, for murder of an Oneida Indian, convicted and executed. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Orig'l. 1 folio.

Dec. 28. Burlington. Account by Governor Franklin, of the standing salaries annually granted to the officers of the Government of New Jersey, amounting to £1,075 sterling, with remarks thereon. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 270. Original. 8 folios.

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Jan. 13. Whitehall. Secr. Lord Shelburne to the Gov'r of N. Jersey—Requesting an account of the established fees of the different offices in the Colony, particularly fees and other charges attending grants of lands, whether legally established or received as perquisites. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 271. Draft. 2 folios.

[Jan. 20. New York. Letter from John Stevens to James Parker of Perth Amboy—A Commission for settling the line between New York and New Jersey had arrived—the Commissioners named being John Temple, Peter Randolph, Charles Stewart Surveyor General, Andrew Elliot, Chambers Russell, Wm. Allen, Samuel C. Holland and Wm. De Brahn Surveyor Generals for the Southern and Northern Districts of America, Andrew Oliver, Cha's Morris one of the Council of Nova Scotia, Peyton Randolph, Benj. Franklin and Jared Ingersoll; any five of them to make a quorum —the first meeting to be at New York, and afterward wherever they might appoint. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Jan. 28. Petition of Mr. Peter Hasenclever & Co., London merchants, to the Earl of Shelburne—In the year 1763 they entered into agreement to purchase tracts of land in New York and New Jersey for erecting furnaces, forges, and other buildings requisite for establishing a manufactory of iron—they cannot procure in those Provinces sufficient land in convenient situations to give constant employment to the Germans, whom they sent over there for the purpose of manufacturing the iron—pray that they may be allowed to purchase land at St. Maurice. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 252. Original. 10 folios.

Feb. 21. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Lord Shelburne—Has received his Lordship's letter of 11th Dec., —has already written to the Treasury on the subject of the annual charges in the Province of New Jersey—as to the quit-rents, is inclined to think the whole of the rents due to the Crown is in arrear—remarks on same. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 270. Orig'l. 6 folios.

[March 28. Opinion of David Ogden on a statement of the case of the Eastern Proprietors, against holders of land under patent to John Berry—as to their right to quit-rents. See May 10. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

April 2. Whitehall. Order of Council, referring to the Board of Trade for their report the petition of Mr. Wilmot, the agent of New Jersey, to the King, proposing alterations to be made in the annexed list of Commissioners for settling the boundary line between that Province and New York. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 66. Original. 12 folios.

April 9. Whitehall. Letter from Secr. Lord Shelburne to the Board of Trade—To transmit a report of the exact state of the civil establishments of the Governor, Judges, and other officers in the several Colonies of America, concerned in the administration of justice. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 26, T. 26. Original. 1 folio.

April 12. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr.

Lord Shelburne—Has received his Lordship's letter of 13th Jan., —transmits an exact list of the fees taken in the different offices of the Province of New Jersey—the fees received by Mr. Smyth, Chief Justice, do not exceed £300 currency, 60 per cent. worse than sterling; and those he receives barely enough, with the salary, for a Governor to maintain his rank and station. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 271. Original. 85 folios (about.)

April 13. St. James'. Order of Council, approving 14 seals for the several Colonies in America, (New Jersey among them,) and directing Secr. of State, the Earl of Shelburne, to transmit the same to the Governors. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 106. Original. 2 folios.

April 16. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the Earl of Shelburne, of the establishment, of the salaries of Governors, Judges and other officers, principally concerned in the administration of justice in the North American Colonies. S. P. O.,B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 148. Entry, (about N. Jersey.) 3 folios.

April 16. Whitehall. Report from the Board of Trade to the King—On the establishments and Government of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 91 & 160. Entry. 7 folios.

April 30. Admiralty Office. Letter from the Board of Admiralty to Secr. Lord Shelburne—Transmitting an account of the establishment of the Admiralty Courts in the several Colonies in America, including New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 252. Original. 8 folios.

May 2. Lincoln's Inn. Report from Sir Matthew Lamb to the Board of Trade, giving his opinion upon twenty-two Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed there in June, 1766. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 67. Original. 10 folios.

May 8. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending the repeal of an Act of New Jersey Assembly, entitled an Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several barracks, &c. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 193. Entry. 4 folios.

[May 10. Burlington. Opinion of John Kinsey on a statement of the case of the Eastern Proprietors, against the holders under the patent to John Berry, as to their right to quit-rents.) (See March 28.) Original. Whitehead MSS.]

May 13. St. James'. Order of Council, repealing an Act of the New Jersey Assembly, entitled "An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several barracks, &c." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 68. Copy. 3 folios.

May 23. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Pownall to Mr. Wilmot, Agent for the Province of New Jersey, desiring his at-

tendance before the Board of Trade, on the subject of his petition to the King, proposing alterations to be made in the list of Commissioners for settling the boundary line between that Province and N. York. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 195. Entry. 1 folio.

June 3. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the Committee of the Privy Council for Plantation affairs, approving the alterations proposed by Mr. Wilmot, Agent for New Jersey, in the list of Commissioners for settling the boundary line between that Province and New York. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 196. Entry. 6 folios.

June 12. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Secr. Pownall to the Attorney and Solicitor Generals, desiring them to take into consideration the Act made in the 12 of Q. Anne, Stat. 2d Cap. 18, entitled "An Act for the preserving all such ships and goods thereof, which shall happen to be forced on shore or stranded upon the coasts of this Kingdom, or any other of Her Majesty's dominions"—Also, 4th Geo. I. Cap. 12, "An Act for enforcing and making perpetual, &c.,"—the former Act—and to give their opinion whether the said Acts do extend to the American Colonies. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 200. Entry. 3 folios.

June 26. St. James'. Order of Council, approving the draft of a Commission, prepared by the Att. and Sol. Gen'ls, to settle and adjust the boundary between the Provinces of New York and New Jersey, from the station on Hudson's River to the station on Delaware River. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 106. Original. 25 folios.

July 8. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing the disallowance of an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed there in June, 1766, entitled "An Act to extend certain Acts of Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the 12th year of her late Majesty, Queen Anne, and the 4th of his late Majesty, King George I., for the preserving all such ships and goods thereof, which shall happen o be forced on shore or stranded." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 201. Entry. 9 folios.

July 11. Letter from the Secr. of State to Gov'r Franklin—Enclosing copy of an Act passed last session of Parliament, and a new Seal for the Colony of New Jersey, with the King's warrant for using same. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 347. Entry. 1 folio.

July 18. Whitehall. Letter from Secr. Shelburne to Gov'r Franklin—Conveying the King's displeasure at the Assembly of N. Jersey for having avoided a complete obedience to an Act of the British Parliament, for rendering more effectual in America, an Act for punishing mutiny and desertion. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Draft. 4 folios.

July 24. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing a draft of additional instructions to the Governors in North America, directing them not to give their assent to any law to be passed in their respective Governments, by which the number of the Assembly shall be enlarged or diminished, the duration of it ascertained, the qualifications of the electors or the elected fixed or altered, &c. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 175. Draft. 3 folios.

[For draft of the Instructions, see N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VII. p. 946.]

Aug. 7. Letter from the Secr. of State to Gov'r Franklin, enclosing an Order in Council repealing an Act passed in the Province of New Jersey, for supplying the barracks with furniture and other necessaries for the King's troops, and copy of the representation from the Board of Trade upon said Act. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 347. Entry. 1 folio.

Aug. 22. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Shelburne—Sends Minutes of Council and Assembly, and copies of twelve Acts passed at the last session—the Assembly of New Jersey made provision for supplying the King's troops, quartered in that Colony, with all the necessaries required by Act of Parliament. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 2 folios.

Aug. 26. St. James'. Order in Council, approving the draft of an additional instruction for the Governor of New Jersey, requiring him not to give his assent to any law touching the number, duration, &c., of the Assembly. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 106. Original. 5 folios.

Oct. 6. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Shelburne—Acknowledges the receipt of the Act for granting certain duties in the British Colonies, and the new Seal for the Colony of New Jersey—also returns the old Seal. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 1 folio.

(Oct.) 22. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Shelburne—The inequality of the expense in quartering troops causes dissatisfaction in the Colonies—suggests a plan to obviate this, by appropriating some of the Crown revenue in America, for the defraying of those expenses for the future. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Original. 7 folios.

(Before Nov.) Memorial of Nathaniel Jones, Esq., to the Earl of Shelburne—That in the year 1759 he was appointed Chief Justice of New Jersey, but was not permitted to execute that office, through the interference of Mr. R. Hunter Morris—that he received no recompense for the loss of time, and the incurred expenses in transporting himself and family abroad, and as the Chief Justice of New York's office is vacant he prays to be appointed to it. [See 1759.] S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 172. Orig'l. 6 folios.

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Jan. 23. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to all the Governors in North America and the West Indies, informing them of his being appointed Secr. of State for the Southern Department, and directing that all their despatches in future are to be addressed to him. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Draft. 3 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 7.]

[?] Petition of Nathaniel Jones, barrister at law, to Secr. Lord Hillsborough—That he was appointed Chief Justice of the Jerseys in 1759—states in detail Mr. Morris's proceedings, which prevented him executing the office—that the expenses he has incurred and the loss of his practice, through his absence from England in consequence, have exhausted his substance, so that he is destitute of any support for himself and family—prays relief. [See 1759 & 1767.] S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 271 A. Original. 12 folios.

Jan. 23. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to all the Governors in North America and the West Indies, desiring them to transmit a complete collection, either in manuscript or print, of the laws of each Colony. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Draft. 2 folios.

Feb. 20. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to all the Governors in North America, transmitting a duplicate of the Address of the House of Commons to the King, of the 27th March, 1766, and desiring the Governors to pay exact obedience to the said Address. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Draft. 1 folio.

Feb. 23. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough, Secr. of State, to Gov'r Franklin—The law passed in New Jersey for making provision for quartering the King's troops is referred to the Board of Trade—the King received the greatest satisfaction from the submission and obedience of the Colonies, to the laws and authority of the Mother Country—his, the Governor's, plan for regulating the expenses in the Colonies for quartering the King's troops, will have a proper attention paid to it—any irregularities and improper behaviour of the officers or soldiers ought to be severely punished. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Draft. 4 folios.

Feb. 26. St. James'. Order of Council, repealing an Act passed in New Jersey in 1766, to extend to that Province two Acts of Parliament relating to ships and goods forced on shore or stranded, and directing that notice should be given to the Governors of the several Colonies in America, of the opinion of the Attorney and Solicitor Generals on the said Acts of Parliament. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 72 Copy. 10 folios.

March 5. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hills-

borough to all the Governors in North America and West Indies—The Attorney and Solicitor Generals, in their report upon an Act passed in New Jersey to extend an Act of Parliament for preserving all such ships and goods thereof that shall happen to be forced on shore or stranded, gave their opinion that the Act of the 12th of Queen Anne, Statute 2, cap. 18, is in force, and extends to America. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Draft. 3 folios.

[April 4. Great Barrington, Mass. Rev. Samuel Hopkins to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—The Rev. Jeremiah Halsey of Lamington, N. J., preached the public Lecture for Mr. Foxcraft, in Boston—he greatly disobliged every clergyman in town, except one or two—his theme was: 'Tis impossible for an impenitent to believe on Christ—and one inference was, that faith is not the first act of the renewed soul—Dr. Chauncy says he is astonished at the man's impudence—the Clergy in Boston are greatly displeased with the letter wrote by the Convention of Clergy at Elizabethtown, in which they repeatedly declare they have nothing against a Bishop's being sent to America, if by an Act of Parliament he may be confined wholly to the people of his own denomination, and excluded from all civil authority, &c.,—they say this gives up the whole, even all they desire—such an Act of Parliament may be made, but will soon be repealed, when a Bishop has once got footing in America, &c., &c. Copy. Pres'n Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

April 20. St. James'. Order of Council that his Majesty having received the old Seal from New Jersey, the same was defaced by the King. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 30, V. 3. Copy. 2 folios.

April 21. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to the several Governors in North America, transmitting copy of a letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay to the Speaker and Assembly of each Colony, and desiring them to use their utmost influence to defeat this flagitious attempt to disturb the public peace. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Draft. 4 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 58.]

April 30. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to all the Governors on the Continent of America, directing them to take all legal measures for the apprehending of Melchisedeck Kinsman, charged with murder of one William Odgers, a Custom Officer, who sailed from Falmouth in one of the N. York packets about three weeks ago. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Draft. 2 folios.

May 7. New Jersey. The Humble Address and Petition of the Assembly of New Jersey to the King, praying relief from some of the late Acts of Parliament imposing a duty on them for the ex-

press purpose of raising a revenue. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Original. 8 folios.

N. B.—This Address was not delivered until after the 15th Nov., 1768. See the E. of H.'s letter to Gov'r Franklin of that date.

May 9. Virginia. Letter from Payton Randolph, Speaker of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, to the Speaker of the Assembly of New Jersey, calling upon the said Assembly to join the union, in order to take every regular step to assert their constitutional liberty, of which the late Acts of the British Parliament manifestly tend to deprive them of. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 174. Copy. 17 folios.

Enclosed in letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Holdernesse, Jan. 28, 1769.

May 14. Whitehall. Letter from Secretary Lord Hillsborough to the Governor of New Jersey—Requesting him to give all the assistance and support in his power to the Officers of Customs in the discharge of their duties. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Draft. 2 folios.

May 30. Report of Sir Matthew Lamb to the Board of Trade upon twelve Acts passed by the Assembly of New Jersey in the year 1766. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 69. Original. 5 folios.

[June 10. Commission from George III. to John Skinner (of Perth Amboy) to be Captain in the 70th Regiment of Foot. Original on parchment. Whitehead MSS.]

June 10. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending the repeal of An Act passed by the Assembly of New Jersey in June, 1767, entitled "An Act to appoint Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks, &c.," not being strictly conformable to the Act of Parliament. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 206. Entry. 9 folios.

June 13. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Hillsborough—In pursuance of the King's orders, he will correspond with His Lordship, and from time to time transmit all Acts and proceedings of the Government and Legislature of New Jersey—the Assembly have promised to send a complete collection of the Laws of that Colony to the *present* time. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Original. 3 folios.

June 14. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Hillsborough—Gives an account of the manufactures, produce and trade of New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Original. 10 folios.

June 14. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr.

Hillsborough—The Board of Trade will probably make the same objections to the New Jersey Act of 1767 for quartering the troops as they did to the former one—the only difference is about the mode, not the essentials, and he, the Gov'r, was obliged either to give his consent, or to let the army be unprovided with the necessaries required by Act of Parliament—the public papers are being copied—Had dissolved the Assembly, and issued writs for a new election, returnable the 25th of June. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Orig'l. 4 folios.

June 15. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Hillsborough—Acknowledges the receipt of the New Jersey Act of 1766 for extending certain Acts of Parliament for the preservation of ships, &c., which may happen to be forced on shore or stranded and the King's disallowance of the same. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Original. 2 folios.

June 16. Annapolis. Letter from Horatio Sharpe, Governor of Maryland, to Secretary Lord Hillsborough, relative to an Act passed in New Jersey in June, 1766, which he has received, as also the report of the Attorney and Solicitor Generals thereon. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies; Proprieties. Vol. 180. Original. 3 folios.

June 16. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Hillsborough—Never saw a copy of the letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Massachusetts Bay to the Speaker of the Assembly of each Colony, till it was mentioned on the Minutes of the Assembly of N. Jersey that such a letter had been laid before the House, and that a Committee was appointed to prepare and bring an answer thereto—there is no reason to believe that the people of New Jersey will enter into any unwarrantable combination with the Massachusetts Assembly. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Original. 4 folios.

June 21. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to the Governors of Quebec, New Jersey, Massachusetts Bay, West and East Florida, directing them to transmit such observations upon their general instructions as shall occur to them, upon those articles which may require such alteration or addition as may improve the revenue, and add strength and dignity to the King's authority. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Draft. 3 folios.

July 4. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to all the Governors in America, directing them not to send any more duplicates of their correspondence with the Secretary of State to the Board of Trade. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Draft. 2 folios.

July 6. St. James'. Order in Council directing that a Commission be passed under the Great Seal, authorizing the Lords of the

Admiralty to establish four Courts of Vice Admiralty in America, with a plan of districts proper to be allotted to the Courts. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 107. Original. 18 folios.

July 9. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough, Secr. of State—Transmits twenty-three Acts, passed by the Assembly of New Jersey; to two of them, viz.—"An Act for the septennial election of representatives, and an Act for choosing representatives in the counties of Morris, Cumberland, and Sussex, gave his assent, as they were tendered with suspending clauses. S. P. O. Am. &. W. Indies. Vol. 173. Original. 4 folios.

July 11. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to all the Governors in America, directing them not to confine themselves in the transmission of their dispatches, to the packets only, but to embrace the first opportunity that offers. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Draft. 2 folios.

July 11. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to all the Governors in America, (except Massachusetts Bay,) directing them to give every assistance to the Commissioners of Customs to enable them to carry the Laws of Trade and Revenue into due execution. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Draft. 1 folio.

July 11. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Hillsborough—The Assembly of New Jersey sent an answer to the letter from the Speaker of the Massachusetts Bay, but no notice of it was taken on their Minutes, which induced him to believe they had not—the answer was printed in "The Pennsylvania Chronicle and Universal Advertiser" of 4th July, 1768, No. 24, of Vol. II., a copy of which is herewith enclosed—the Assembly of New Jersey have been dissolved, and a new one elected—sends an anonymous pamphlet, published first in New York, and reprinted in Philadelphia. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Original. 4 folios.

Enclosing the Pennsylvania Chronicle and Universal Advertiser, July 11, 1768, and "The Power and Grandeur of G't Br., &c.," (a pamphlet.)

—— Philadelphia. A pamphlet entitled "The Power and Grandeur of Great Britain, founded on the liberty of the Colonies, and the mischiefs attending the taxing them by Act of Parliament, demonstrated"—Philadelphia, printed and sold by Wm. Goddard, at the new Printing Office in Market Street. MDCCLXVIII. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. 22 pages 12mo. About 65 folios.

Enclosed in foregoing letter of Gov'r Franklin.

[July 30. Perth Amboy. Affidavit of Mary Parker before Chief Justice Smyth, to the effect, that she heard the noise of a boat

on the night of 21st July, presumed to have on board the robbers of the Provincial Treasury. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Enclosed in letter from James Parker of August 8th.

Aug. 3. Whitehall. Report of the Board of Trade to the Lords of the Privy Council for Plantation Affairs, on the petition of Daniel Coxe, of the Province of New Jersey, offering the surrender of an immense tract of country named Carolana, granted by Charles I., by letters patent, to Sir Robert Heath, and since vested in him—Recommending a grant of 40,000 acres in the Province of New York to the petitioner and his associates upon the usual terms, provided he do make full and absolute cession and surrender to the Crown of all right, title, &c., to the said Province of Carolana. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 273. Entry. 9 folios.

[The father of *this* Daniel, in 1722, published "a description of the English Province of Carolana, by the Spaniards called Florida, and by the French La Louisiana," it having descended to him from his father, in whom the title had been declared to be in 1692. See Field's Provincial Courts, p. 134; Grahame's Col. History, Vol. II. p. 199.]

[Aug. 8. Perth Amboy. Draft of a letter from James Parker to Governor Franklin—Giving the result of the examination of sundry persons supposed to be implicated in the robbery of the Treasury. Whitehead MSS.

See Proceedings of N. J. Hist. Soc., Vol. V p. 49, for an account of the robbery.]

Aug. 12. St. James'. Order of Council repealing an Act passed in New Jersey in June, 1767, appointing Commissioners for supplying the barracks, &c., and directing that the Gov'r should be admonished for having passed that Act contrary to an Act of Parliament. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 73. Copy. 10 folios.

Aug. 13. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Mr. Woodruff of the New Jersey Council being dead, he recommends Mr. Richard Stockton, of Princeton, to be appointed to the vacancy at that Board. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Original. 1 folio.

[Aug. 15, 1768, to Nov. 5, 1775. Documents referring to the schools at Perth Amboy—Subscribers' names—sums contributed—drafts of letters to James Rivington, the printer, and Doctor Myles Cooper, of King's College, from James Parker, and the answers of Doctor Cooper as to the qualifications of teachers—names of scholars, (William Dunlap, the artist, among them,) &c. Originals. Whitehead, MSS.]

Aug. 16. Whitehall. Letter from Secr. Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—Received his dispatches from one to five, and laid them before the King—the King is concerned to find the Assembly of New Jersey questioning the power and authority of Parliament to enact

laws binding upon the Colonies—the entire ignorance of what was passing in the Assembly, concerning the letter from the Massachusetts Bay, "betrays a very blameable inattention" of Gov'r Franklin to his duty, and "indicates a disposition that does not correspond with those principles which ought to be the rule of your (Gov'r F.'s) conduct"—the practice of laying the Secretary's letters, &c., before the Assembly, disapproved [See N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 100]—transmits an Order of Council disallowing the Act passed in 1767, for making provision for quartering the King's troops, and conveys His Majesty's disapprobation of Gov'r Franklin's conduct in assenting to a law contrary to an Act of Parliament—hopes that the petition resolved upon by the Assembly will not be sent up, as it must be rejected. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Original. 11 folios.

Aug. 24. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—The Council and Assembly of New Jersey at the last sessions passed a bill for striking one hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit, but as they had, contrary to Act of Parliament, made the money a legal tender and refused to add a suspending clause, he, Gov'r Franklin, refused his assent—desires to have instructions on the subject—sends a list of the salaries annually granted in N. Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Original, 6 folios; Enclosures, 7 do. 13 folios.

August 25. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Received copies of several papers relative to the murder of William Odgers, one of the Officers of the Customs in Cornwall—every step will be taken to secure the murderer if he should be found within the Government of N. J. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Original. 1 folio.

Aug. 25. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough, in answer to the complaint made by the Commissioners of Customs in America to the King—There has been but one instance in N. Jersey when one of the Custom Officers was obstructed in the execution of his duty; but Mr. Hatton, the Collector of Salem, had exceedingly misbehaved himself, being "a man of a most unhappy temper." S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies Vol. 173. Orig'l. 3 folios.

Aug. 27. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Informs that, by the advice of the Council of New Jersey, he is going to meet Sir William Johnson, and to be present at the Treaty with the Indians for settling a boundary line between them and the northern British Colonies. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Original. 3 folios.

[For account of the proceedings of the meeting at Fort Stanwix with the Indians, see New York Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 104.]

[Aug. 27. New York. Letter from James Franklin to James

Parker, Perth Amboy—Enquiring after the state of Robert Barclay's Proprietary rights in East Jersey; and also as to the will and heirs of John Barclay. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

(August?) Memorial of Nathaniel Jones, Barrister at Law, to Secretary Lord Hillsborough—That, in 1759, he was constituted by his late Majesty Chief Justice of the Jerseys in North America, but through the illegal and unwarrantable proceedings of Robert Hunter Morris, against which the then Governor, Francis Bernard, entered a protest in form, was absolutely prevented the execution of his office—prays that he may be appointed Chief Justice of South Carolina, now vacant—[See 1759 & 1767,] (with three testimonials.) S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 271, A. Original. 7 folios. Enclosures. 9 folios.

Sept. 2. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to all the Governors in America, directing them not to communicate either to the Council or Assembly any of their letters which they shall receive from the Secretary of State, unless they have the King's express commands for so doing. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Draft. 2 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 100.]

[Sept. 20. Abstract from the Public Records of the State, of Robert Barclay's shares of propriety in the Eastern Division of New Jersey. Copy. Whitehead MSS.

Enclosed in James Parker's letter of Sept. 22d.]

[Sept. 22. Perth Amboy. James Parker to James Franklin—Giving information respecting the property of Robert Barclay, and the character and circumstances of John Barclay—enclosing the foregoing abstract. Original draft. Whitehead MSS.]

[Oct. 7. Royal Commission to John Temple, Peter Randolph, Charles Stewart, Andrew Elliot, Chambers Russell, William Allen, Samuel Holland, Wm. de Brahm, Andrew Oliver, Charles Morris, Peyton Randolph, Benjamin Franklin, and Jared Ingersoll, or any five of them, to determine the boundary line between N. York and New Jersey from the Hudson to the Delaware. See Feb. 6, 1769, and Oct. 7, 1769. Copy. Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

Oct. 12. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—Acknowledges the receipt of his three last letters—the pains with which the Assembly of New Jersey have concealed their proceedings upon the letter from the Assembly of Massachusetts Bay, "shows but too plainly the sense they had of the measures they were about to pursue, and it is very proper that Mr. Skinner (the Speaker) should know that his conduct upon this occasion has not escaped His Majesty's notice." S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Draft. 2 folios.

Oct. 13. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Pownall to Gen. Gage,

Sir Wm. Johnson, Sir Henry Moore, Governors Franklin and Penn, acquainting them with the receipt of their despatches, but as the Earl of Hillsborough is in the country, it would be impossible to give them answers before the departure of the packet of this month. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Draft. 1 folio.

Nov. 1. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending Mr. Richard Stockton to be of the Council of N. Jersey, in the room of Mr. Samuel Woodruff, deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 211. Entry. 1 folio.

[For notice of Richard Stockton, see "Field's Provincial Courts."]

Nov. 2. St. James'. Order of Council, directing that Richard Stockton, Esq., be constituted and appointed a member of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Samuel Woodruff, Esq., deceased. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 107. Original. 2 folios.

Nov. 5. Fort Stanwix. Proceedings at a Treaty with the Six Nations of Indians at Fort Stanwix, for establishing a boundary line between the Colonies and Indians—and the deed of cessation to the King from the said Six Nations of a certain tract of land. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 254. Orig'l. 180 folios.

[See these documents with the accompanying map in the N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VIII p. 187.]

Nov. 15. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—The King will not allow him to give his assent to the New Jersey bill for issuing £100,000, and thinks that no law of this kind should be assented to by Gov'r Franklin, unless a draft of the bill has been first transmitted for the King's approbation—the petition to the King from the Assembly of New Jersey on the subject of some late Acts of Parliament, was neither received from him, the Governor, nor presented by any other person, although printed and published under the direction of the Assembly, a proceeding which the King cannot but consider as most unwarrantable and disrespectful—copies of several public papers are transmitted—the Queen was delivered of a Princess. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 173. Draft. 8 folios.

Nov. 20. New Jersey. Letter from Frederick Smyth, Esq., Chief Justice of New Jersey, to the Earl of Hillsborough—Complains of the insufficiency of his salary, and prays that "the bounty of the Crown may be extended to him as some reward for past services." S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 174. Orig'l. 5 folios.

Nov. 23. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Defending his conduct during the last session of the Assembly of New Jersey, against the severe censure made upon it by his Lordship—(very interesting letter—it gives the exact state of things in the Legislature of the Province as it existed at that time.) S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 174. Original. 120 folios.

Dec. 17. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Announces his return from Fort Stanwix, where he was to assist at a Treaty with the Indians for settling the boundary line between them and the British Colonies—for particulars he refers his Lordship to the Report of Sir William Johnson, and the Minutes of the New Jersey Council, herewith transmitted. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 174. Original. 3 folios.

[See Nov. 5, 1768.]

[1768? Statement of the case of the East Jersey Treasurer, (Stephen Skinner,) in relation to the robbing of the Treasury, submitted to Solicitor Wedderburne, and his answer. Copies. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1769.

Jan. 28. Burlington. Letter from Governor Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Gives further reasons for the issuing of £100,000 in bills of credit—cannot account for the petition of the Assembly of New Jersey not being presented to the King, as it was sent to their Agent for that purpose—Mr. Skinner, the Speaker of the late Assembly, sent him a copy of a letter which he received since the dissolution of the House, from the Speaker of the Assembly in Virginia, and will be glad to know the King's pleasure, whether in case the Assembly determine upon receiving and answering it, he should prorogue or dissolve them—received from Mr. Skinner the two first volumes of the printed laws of New Jersey, which will be forwarded by the first opportunity. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 174. Original, 14 folios; enclosure, copy, 17 folios—31 folios.

Enclosing letter from the Speaker of Virginia to the Speaker of New Jersey, May 9, 1768.

[Feb. 6, to 1770, Sept. 14. A collection of documents, about one hundred and fifty in number, referring to the controversy between New York and New Jersey, respecting the boundary line from the Hudson to the Delaware; comprising letters to and from James Parker, one of the New Jersey Agents—among the writers being Lord Stirling, Walter Rutherfurd, Benjamin Chew, Gov'r Franklin, John Stevens, Cortlandt Skinner, &c.,—illustrating the New Jersey claims, with copies of grants, exhibits of title, evidences, &c., arranged and indexed—(some few of the papers are specified on preceding and subsequent pages.) Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

Feb. 26. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Transmitting a complete collection of the Laws of New Jersey. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 2. Original. 1 folio.

March 7. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade

to the King—Recommending the issuing of additional instructions to the Governors in the American Plantations, not to give their assent to any, either public or private, lottery Act. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 281. Draft. 4 folios.

March 22. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—The bill of the New Jersey Assembly for issuing £100,000 has been referred to the Board of Trade for their consideration, but the report upon it not yet received—with regard to the letter from the Speaker of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, (mentioned in his despatch of the 28th of Jan. last,) his Lordship cannot give any precise instructions how to act in that matter. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 174. Draft. 4 folios.

April 24. Whitehall. Order in Council, directing the Board of Trade to prepare drafts of instructions to the Governors in America, (including New Jersey,) forbidding them to pass any law whereby money is proposed to be raised, by public or private lotteries. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 30. V. 16. Original. 4 folios.

April 25. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Upon the finally fixing a boundary line between lands comprised within the limits of the Colonies in America, and the lands claimed by the Indians. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 255. Original. 64 folios.

May 2. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Recommending disallowance of an Act of Assembly of New Jersey, for making current £100,000 in bills of credit. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 212. Entry. 8 folios.

May 8. Whitehall. Order of the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantation Affairs, referring to the Board of Trade for their consideration and report, a petition of Sir Tho's Mackworth, Bart., relative to an estate formerly granted to James Smith, Esq., deceased, which he states to have since reverted to the King, and to remain uncultivated, and praying that a grant thereof may be made to him and his heirs, agreeable to the intention of the said James Smith. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 9, K. 75. Orig'l. 10 folios.

May 11. Draft of additional instructions to all the Governors in North America, directing them not to permit any public or private lotteries to be held in their respective Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 347. Entry. 2 folios.

[May 11. Burlington. Proclamation of Gov'r Franklin—Granting protection to the Surveyors engaged in running the boundary line between New York and New Jersey. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

May 13. Whitehall. Letter from Secr. Lord Hillsborough to the Governor of New Jersey—Encloses the King's speech to Parliament—His Majesty's present Government have at no time entertained a design to propose laying any further taxes on America, for the purpose of raising a revenue—their intention to propose the taking off duties upon glass, paper and colours, such duties having been laid contrary to the true principles of commerce—reliance upon his prudence to explain such measures, which may tend to remove prejudices and re-establish mutual confidence and affection. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 255. Draft. 6 folios.

[Printed in New York Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 164.]

May 26. St. James'. Order of Council, disallowing the bill passed in New Jersey, "For making current £100,000 in bills of credit," and directing that if the Council and Assembly of that Province at the next meeting shall pass another bill to the same effect, and press for the Governor's assent, he do not on any account give his assent to any proposals whereby the same may be carried into effect without reference to His Majesty's approbation; and that the Governor do either transmit such proposals as he may receive from the Council and Assembly for that purpose, in form of a bill, or in case the same be passed into an Act, that he do take care a suspending clause be inserted therein. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 108. Original. 10 folios.

June 7 Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—Transmitting an Order of Council of the 26th of May, 1769, disallowing the Act of New Jersey for making current £100,000 in bills of credit. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 174. Draft. 1 folio.

June 28. St. James'. Order of Council, approving the draft of additional instructions prepared by the Board of Trade, to the Governors in the American Plantations, directing them not to give their assent to any Act or Acts for raising money by the institution of any public or private lotteries whatsoever, until they shall have first transmitted a draft or drafts of such Acts, and shall have received His Majesty's directions thereupon. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 108. Original. 2 folios.

July 14. Whitehall. Circular letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to the several Governors in North America—Transmitting an additional instruction prohibiting public and private lotteries in the Colonies. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 255. Draft. 1 folio.

[Lotteries were everywhere adopted as the most ready way of obtaining funds for almost all public objects. For their prevalence in New Jersey, see "Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 321.]

July 18. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl

of Hillsborough—Is fully convinced that the assurances given by his Lordship in his letter of the 13th of May, that the present Administration have no design to propose to Parliament to lay any further taxes upon America, and that they intend to propose in the next session to take off the duties upon glass, paper and colors—cannot fail to produce the most salutary effects. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 174. Original. 3 folios.

[Aug. 18. Burlington. Proclamation of Gov'r Franklin—Calling upon the inhabitants of the country traversed by the Surveyors running the line between New York and New Jersey, to refrain from obstructing them, &c. Orig'l. Whitehead MSS.]

[Every possible obstacle was thrown in the way of the Surveyors, by the people, from apprehensions that they might have their titles disturbed.]

[Sept. 20. Bloomsbury Square. Letter from Henry Wilmot, the Provincial Agent, to Cortlandt Skinner—North American affairs in a very uncertain state—the old disputes were between the King and the Parliament and people—now, for the first time, between the King and Parliament on one side, and the people on the other—Lord Chatham well again, and a reconciliation between the brothers effected—this, with the union of the Rockingham party, would make the opposition in Parliament powerful during the winter. Orig'l. Whitehead MSS.]

Sept. 27. Burlington Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Acknowledges the receipt of two last letters—The Assembly are called to meet on the 10th of October—the late resolution of the Assembly of South Carolina, wherein they refuse to provide for the troops, but declare that these expenses ought to be defrayed out of the revenue arising from the American duty Acts, will have an ill effect upon the proceedings of the Assembly of New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 174. Orig'l. 2 folios.

[September. Printed brief of the New Jersey Agents in the controversy with New York, relative to the boundary line. Folio pp. 44. Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

Oct. 4. Whitehall. Letter from J. Pownall to Gov'r Franklin—Acquainting him, in the absence of Lord Hillsborough, who is gone to Ireland, that his despatch No. 17, has been received and laid before the King. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 1 folio.

Oct. 5. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Informs of the death of Mr. Lewis Ashfield, one of the Council of NewJersey, and agreeable to his instructions recommends three persons as fit to fill the vacancy, viz., Mr. Wm. Bayard, Mr. Wm. Kelly, and Mr. Michael Kearny; desires, that preference should be given to Mr. Bayard. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 174. Original. 3 folios.

[Oct. 7. Decision of the Commissioners appointed to settle the boundary line between the Colonies of New York and New Jersey—making it run from a rock on Hudson River, in lat. 41 degrees, to a fork at the mouth of the River Mahackamack, in lat. 41 degrees, 21 minutes, and 30 seconds—Charles Stewart, Andrew Elliot, Andrew Oliver, and Jared Ingersoll affirming; Samuel Holland and Charles Morris dissenting in part from the decision. Official copy. Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

[Oct. 14. Stepney Causy to Rev. Mr. Bellamy—Heard that Dr. Witherspoon declined through his lady's refusal to comply with the invitation given him from the trustees; she has been persuaded to think differently, and he may still go unless some letters sent in great haste should not arrive at the New Jerseys time enough. Copy. Pres. Hist. Soc. Papers, Phila.]

[From Rev. Richard Webster.]

[Dec. 7. Burlington. Letter of Committee of Assembly to Dr. Benjamin Franklin, notifying him of his appointment as Agent of the Colony—Signed by Cortlandt Skinner, Aaron Leaming, Abraham Hewlings, Henry Paxson, Ebenezer Miller, Joseph Smith. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Dec. 9. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—The King hopes that the Assembly of New Jersey will not follow the example set by that of South Carolina—the Board of Trade recommended Mr. Cortlandt (Stephen?) Skinner to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Mr. Ashfield, deceased—Mr. Skinner has long been upon their list as a person to whom they stood engaged for the first vacancy. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 174. Draft. 4 folios.

Dec. 10. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Mr. Secr. Pownall—The Assembly of New Jersey were prorogued on the 10th of Dec., after having made provision for the support of the King's troops, notwithstanding the endeavours which were used to induce them to follow the example of South Carolina in this respect. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 174. Original. 2 folios.

[Dec. 12. Bloomsbury Square. Letter from Henry Wilmot, the Agent of the Province, to Cortlandt Skinner—The Administration willing to let the Province have a paper currency, provided it were not made a legal tender—the last bill sent over returned because the Board of Trade was of opinion that it made the bills a legal tender—should a bill be passed guarding against that result, it would receive the assent of the Administration—the bill for regulating the practice of the law would have to be referred to counsel—the bill for septennial elections likely to lie for some time unacted on—the bills for choosing Representatives for the Counties of Morris, Cumberland and Sussex would not be passed—the Board thought

there was no necessity for it—the matter might come before the King on petition, and if its prayer was granted instructions could be sent to the Governor to issue writs for the counties. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Dec. 13. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending Stephen Skinner, Esq., to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Lewis Ashfield, Esq., deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 216. Entry. 1 folio.

[Mr. Skinner was Treasurer of the Eastern Division, and for several years was subjected to much embarrassment from the loss of between six and seven thousand pounds, from a reported robbery on 22d July, 1768. See Contributions to East Jersey History, p. 111—and "Proceedings of N. J. Hist. Soc.," Vol. V. p. 49—and several subsequent dates herein.]

Dec. 14. St. James'. Order of Council, directing that Stephen Skinner, Esq., be constituted and appointed a member of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Lewis Ashfield, Esq., deceased. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 108. Original. 2 folios.

Dec. 24. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Transmits the Chief Justice Smyth's memorial with respect to the incompetency of his salary, and recommends the same to his Lordship's consideration—the Assembly of New Jersey will not appropriate a part of the interest money, to arise from the loan of the £100,000 proposed to be struck in bills of credit, towards making a more adequate provision for the support of the officers of Government—the sessions ended amicably, notwithstanding the endeavours made to induce the Assembly to follow the example of South Carolina. S. P. O. Am. & W. Ind. Vol. 175. Original 6 folios.

Enclosing the following.

(Dec.) Memorial of Mr. Frederick Smyth, Chief Justice of N. Jersey, to the Earl of Hillsborough, complaining of the inadequacy of his salary, and as the Assembly of that Province will make no increase of his allowance till a commission can be obtained for him more independent of the Crown, he prays that he may have further support from the King to enable him to discharge the duties of his station. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 175. Orig'l. 3 folios.

Enclosed in foregoing.

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Jan. 18. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—Sends the King's speech and the Addresses of both Houses, &c.,—the Christian name of Mr. Skinner recommended to supply the vacancy in the Council of New Jersey is not Cortlandt but Stephen—the Great Seal was taken out of the hands of Lord Camden and given to Mr. Charles Yorke. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 175. Draft. 2 folios.

[Jan. 28. New York. Gov'r Franklin to Cortlandt Skinner—The riotous proceedings at Monmouth of so alarming a nature that he had thought it necessary to summon a meeting of the Council at Amboy on 7th Feb., and to require the attendance of the Sheriff and Justices of the County present at the riot—the affair such an audacious insult to the Government, that let the consequences be what they might, the offenders should be punished in the most exemplary manner. Original. Whitehead MSS.

See Newark Daily Advertiser, June, 1846; and a Pamphlet in N. J. Hist. Soc. Library, "Liberty and Property without Oppression."]

Feb. 12. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Sends several public papers—observations upon two Acts passed by the Assembly of New Jersey, during their last sitting. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 175. Original. 12 folios.

Feb. 17. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin, notifying certain changes in the Ministry in consequence of the death of Mr. Yorke, a few days after he received the Great Seal. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 1 folio.

Feb. 26. Princeton, New Jersey. Letter from Mr. Richard Stockton, one of the Council of New Jersey, to the Earl of Hillsborough—Enclosing copy of his Report delivered to Gov'r Franklin, wherein he gives as his opinion, supported by historical facts and judicial authority, that the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of New Jersey, for the time being, is duly authorized to hold a Court of Equity, and to sit as the Judge thereof. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 175. Original. 45 folios.

[For sketch of Richard Stockton, see "Field's Provincial Courts, &c.," p. 190, &c.]

(March 20.) New York. Petition of William Bayard, Esq., of New York, to the Board of Trade, praying disallowance of an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, entitled "An Act appointing Commissioners for finally settling and determining the several rights, titles, and claims to the common lands in the township of Bergen, &c. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 5. Original. 9 folios.

(March 20. Received.) Petition of Henry Muilman, President, Joseph Mico, Vice President and Treasurer, and the several Committee men or Assistants of the West New Jersey Society, to the Board of Trade—Setting forth that the tract of land called Carolana in North America, to which Daniel Coxe, in a petition to their Lordships in the year 1768, laid claim to, was subsequently granted and released to Jonathan Greenwood and others, who formed themselves into a Society, of which they, petitioners, are now the successors of—that 100,000 acres of land in the Province of New York

was granted to the said Coxe in 1769, provided he relinquished all right and title, &c., in favor of the Crown, to the said tract of land, and praying that they may be allowed to inspect and have a copy of a certain report made by the Attorney General about 1699, in order to make out the right of the said Society in like manner as the said Daniel Coxe had. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 30, V. 47. Orig'l. 16 folios.

April 11. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King recommending the disallowance of an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, entitled "An Act for striking one hundred thousand pounds in bills of credit." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 217. Entry. 2 folios.

April 11. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending the disallowance of an Act of New Jersey Assembly for finally settling and determining the several rights, &c., to the common lands of the township of Bergen. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 219. Entry. 10 folios.

April 14. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Mr. Pownall to all the Governors in America—Enclosing copy of an Act of Parliament for repealing so much of an Act made in the 7th year of His present Majesty for granting certain duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America, &c., as relates to the duties upon glass, red lead, white lead, painters' colours, paper, &c. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 256. Draft. 1 folio.

April 14. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—The memorial of Mr. Smyth and the Acts of the New Jersey Assembly received—the remarks made upon two Acts of the Assembly will be communicated to the Board of Trade. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 175. Draft. 1 folio.

[April 27. Proceedings at a meeting of the King in Council, to take into consideration a report from the Board of Trade, relative to the commission for determining the boundary between New York and New Jersey—authorizing less than a quorum to act in certain matters. Copy. Boundary Papers. Whitehead MSS.]

April 28. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—The mandamus appointing Mr. Stephen Skinner of the Council of N. Jersey received—the Assembly was called on account of the riots committed by the "Sons of Liberty" in the counties of Monmouth and Essex, but the rioters are entirely quelled and humbled—observations upon an Act against excessive costs in the recovery of debts under £50—the Assembly are pressing the Governor to give up the appointment of Coroners, and to let them for the future be entirely elected by the people as in the counties in England. S. P. O. Am. & W. Ind. Vol. 175. Original. 9 folios.

[See 1770, Jan. 28.]

April 30. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Pownall to Mr. Jackson—Transmitting several Acts passed in America, for his opinion. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 368. Entry. 5 folios.

[May 19. Philadelphia. Letter to —— Johnston—Refers to the meeting at the Coffee House in support of the non-importation resolutions—"the leading man among the drygoods men was Mr. Will. West—and him Bonnin prevented speaking several times when he was standing up and essaying to communicate his ideas." Original. Whitehead MSS.]

June 6. St. James'. Order of Council, disallowing two Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey passed in 1769, viz., an Act for striking £100,000 in bills of credit, and a supplementary Act for settling the common lands of the township of Bergen. S. P. O., B. T. N. Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 20. Copy. 4 folios.

June 12. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin, desiring him to take the proper steps for promulgating His Majesty's Royal disallowance of two Acts of the Province of New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 2 folios.

July 6. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—The Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey are communicated to the Board of Trade—the activity and zeal of the Council and Civil Magistrates to suppress the riots in the counties of Monmouth and Essex highly commended—the King approves Gov'r Franklin's conduct in not giving up the power of appointing Coroners. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 175. Draft. 3 folios.

[July 17. New York. Anonymous communication signed "Non-Importers," to Cortlandt Skinner, of Perth Amboy, suggesting, in consequence of the "scandalous defection of New York in violating their public faith," in relation to the non-importing resolutions, that means be taken to offer such advantages to those settling at Perth Amboy for purposes of trade, as would secure the transfer thither of the trade of New York. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

July 18. Report of Richard Jackson, Esq., to the Board of Trade upon two Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, viz., "An Act for regulating the practice of the law and other purposes therein mentioned"—"An Act for choosing Representatives in the counties of Morris, Cumberland and Sussex, &c." and "An Act for the Septennial election of Representatives"—objecting to the first only. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 8. Original. 5 folios.

July 20. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Recommending an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey for choosing Representatives in the counties of Morris, Cumberland, &c., for His Majesty's approbation. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 225. Entry. 7 folios.

July 20. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Recommending the disallowance of an Act of New Jersey, for regulating the practice of the law, and other purposes therein mentioned. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 230. Entry. 3 folios.

[July 30. Perth Amboy. Answer of Cortlandt Skinner (anonymously) to the communication of "Non-Importers," July 17, 1770, stating that the subject matter thereof had been brought to the notice of the inhabitants and Corporation, and that every encouragement would be extended to the project, and they would be pleased to treat with any gentleman who might be interested in carrying it into effect. Original draft. Whitehead MSS.]

Sept. 28. Whitehall. Circular Letter (most secret and confidential) from the Earl of Hillsborough to the Governors in North America and the West Indies, advising them of a probable war between England and Spain, and directing them to take every necessary step for the protection and defence of their respective Governments. S. P. O. Am. & W Indies. Vol. 256. Draft. 3 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 246.]

Sept. 29. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—The members of the Assembly of New Jersey are greatly displeased at the disallowance of the paper money Act, and it is to be feared that a party among them will take the advantage of the ill-humor, and prevail on the Assembly not to grant any money for the support of the King's troops stationed in that Province. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 175. Original. 6 folios.

Nov. 5. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—The session of the Assembly of New Jersey lasted until the 27th of Oct.,—they came to a resolution that no further provision should be made for the supply of the troops, but the matter was reconsidered, and they granted £500 currency for that purpose, which will last until April—the Assembly have left the appointment of the barrack masters entirely to the Governor—the masters nominated by the Assembly greatly imposed upon and defrauded the Province. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 175. Original. 5 folios.

Nov. 15. Whitehall. Letter from Secr. Lord Hillsborough to the Governor of New Jersey—The King's pleasure that he should, without delay, with the advice of his Council and Assembly, fall upon some means to put Indian affairs under such regulations as may have the effect of preventing abuses of trade and violences, &c., which the Indians so justly complain of. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 256. Draft. 5 folios.

[See similar letter to Governor of New York in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 254.]

Nov. 15. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—Acknowledges the receipt of his letter of the 29th of Sept., and informs him of having laid the same before the King. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 175. Draft. 1 folio.

Dec. 6. Cape May. Two warrants directing the apprehension of Mr. John Hatton, Collector at Salem, and his slave Ned, issued by Messrs. Whillden, (Wilden?) Leaming, and Leonard, magistrates at Cape May. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 257. Copies. 6 folios.

Enclosed in Mr. Robinson's letter of 13th July, 1771.

Dec. 7. Report of Mr. Jackson to the Board of Trade upon six Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in 1768, and twenty-three Acts in 1769. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 9. Original. 20 folios.

Dec. 7. (Perth Amboy.) Letter from Mr. John Hatton, Collector of Salem and Cohensey, to Gov'r Franklin—He was obliged to fly from, and quit his office—complains of the actions of Mr. Jas. Wilden, Thomas Leaming, and John Leonard, Esqrs., Justices at Cape May—gives an account of his proceedings from the 23d of November. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 257. Copy. 15 folios.

Enclosed in Mr. Robinson's letter of 13th July, 1771.

Dec. 9. St. James'. Order of Council approving the Act of the Assembly of N. Jersey, passed in May, 1768, "for choosing representatives in the counties of Morris, Cumberland, and Sussex, and directing the Morris county taxes to be paid into the Eastern Treasury of that Colony." S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 108. Original. 10 folios.

Dec. 9. St. James'. Order of Council disallowing an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in June, 1765, entitled an Act for regulating the practice of the law and other purposes therein mentioned. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 22. Copy. 3 folios.

Dec. 11. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to the Governors in North America and West Indies, directing them to give every assistance to the King's Officers to raise such a number of recruits as shall be necessary for augmenting the battalions now serving in America. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 256. Draft. 3 folios.

Dec. 11. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Governor Franklin—Transmits two Orders of Council; one disallowing an Act of New Jersey for regulating the practice of the law, another confirming an Act for choosing Representatives in the counties of Morris, Cumberland, and Sussex—observations upon the said Acts. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 175. Draft. 5 folios.

Dec. 19. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending the repeal of an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed there in November, 1769, entitled "An Act to erect courts in the several counties in this Colony for the trial of causes of ten pounds and under." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 232. Entry. 15 folios.

Dec. 25. Perth Amboy. Letter from Mr. Hatton, Collector of Salem, to the Custom Commissioners in Boston—Complains of the ill-treatment he had received—no assistance from the Peace and other Officers—a set of merchants of Philadelphia transmitted a quantity of money to New Jersey to gain any point they want—he obliged to conceal himself during the day—is going to call upon the Gov'r for an answer to his remonstrance. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 257. Copy. 8 folios.

Enclosed with the three following in Mr. Robinson's letter of 13th July, 1771.

Dec. 25. Letter from Mr. Cortlandt Skinner, the Att. Gen'l of N. Jersey, to Mr. John Hatton, Collector at Salem, giving his opinion on the proceedings of the magistrates at Cape May—(accompanying the foregoing.) S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 257. Copy. 2 folios.

Dec. 25. Letter from Mr. Cortlandt Skinner to Mr. Chas. Petit, Secretary to Gov'r Franklin, giving his opinion that the conduct of the magistrates of Cape May towards Mr. Hatton and his slave, was an insolent contempt of the Governor's proclamation—(accompanying the foregoing.) S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 257. Copy. 3 folios. [See May 19, 1771.]

Dec. 30. Cooper's Ferry. Letter from Mr. Hatton, Collector of Salem and Cohensey, to the Custom Commissioners in Boston—The case is going to be tried at the next Court in February—his son is recovering from the wounds—very much in want of money—prays an advance upon his salary—(accompanying the foregoing.) S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 257. Copy. 4 folios.

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Jan. 2. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—Nothing would have been more unbecoming than the New Jersey Assembly's refusal to provide for the King's troops—it gives great pleasure to find they had receded from so indecent a resolution. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Draft. 1 folio.

Jan. 10. New Jersey. Letter from Frederick Smyth, Esq., Chief Justice of New Jersey, to the (Earl of Hillsborough,) tendering his resignation of the seat at the Council Board of that Province. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 3 folios.

Jan 14. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of

Hillsborough—Acknowledges the receipt of several despatches—he will pay every attention to the security of New Jersey in case of war with Spain—doubts if the Assembly of that Province would engage in any expense to support the superintendence of the Indian affairs —sends Minutes of Council, &c., and three Acts of the Assembly—John Ladd, Esq., of the Council, died on the 20th of Dec.—Daniel Coxe, of Trenton, and John Lawrence, of Burlington, Esqrs., are recommended as candidates for the vacancy. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 12 folios.

Jan. 22. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to all the Governors in America—Acquainting them of the satisfactory settling of the misunderstanding between England and Spain—changes of the principal Officers of State. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 257. Draft. 3 folios.

March 1. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Pownall to Mr. Robinson—Requesting him to communicate to the Lords of the Treasury —that the answers of the merchants to the objections made by the Commissioners of Customs, relative to their memorial touching the granting a bounty upon slaves from America, are full and satisfactory. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 376. Entry. 3 folios.

March 15. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Acknowledges the receipt of His Lordship's several despatches, &c. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 2 folios.

March 26. Burlington. Proclamation of Gov'r Franklin, directing all Magistrates, Constables, and other Civil Officers in the Province of New Jersey, to be aiding and assisting the recruiting parties, who shall be ordered into that Province—Printed in Burlington by Isaac Collins, printer to the King for the Province of New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Small Broadside. 3 folios.

Enclosed in the following.

March 27. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Upon the receipt of the Circular Letter of the 11th Dec. last, the Proclamation was issued requiring all magistrates and others to assist the recruiting parties—the Assembly of New Jersey is called for the 17th of next month, to make provision for the King's troops—(Mr. John Smith, of the Council of N. J., died on the 26th of March.) S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 2 folios.

Enclosed in the foregoing.

[March 30. Burlington. Letter from Governor Franklin to Lieutenant Arthur Wadman, 26th Regiment—Promising all the assistance in his power in furthering the recruiting of men in New Jer

sey—Lieut. W. having arrived in the Province for the purpose, and made New Brunswick his headquarters—had issued a proclamation to all magistrates and other civil officers to aid and assist. Orig'l. Whitehead MSS.]

[March. Private instructions to Lieut. Arthur Wadman, 26th Regiment—Engaged in recruiting in New Jersey, from Dudley Templer, Lieut. Col. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

April 3. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Mr. Pownall to the several Governors in North America, enclosing to each of them ten printed copies of a full and exact account of the process used in Sweden in the manufacture of pitch and tar, in order to be distributed in the best manner they think proper. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 257. Draft. 1 folio.

A printed copy of "A Description of the manner of making Tar in Sweden," is with the draft.

April 9. Report of Mr. Jackson to the Board of Trade upon seven Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in March, 1770. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 10. Original. 7 folios.

April 26. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing Daniel Coxe, Esq., to be one of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of John Ladd, Esq., deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 238. Entry. 1 folio.

April 30. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—The Assembly of New Jersey refused to provide for the King's troops—sends copies of his Speech and Messages on the subject. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 3 folios.

Enclosing. Gov'r Franklin's Speech to the Assembly, April 18, 1771; the Assembly's Address, April 20; Gov'r Franklin's Message, April 23; the Assembly's Reply to the Gov'r's Message of the 23d instant; and Gov'r Franklin's second Message to the Assembly, April 29.

[May. Hunterdon. Instructions of the Freeholders of Hunterdon County to their representatives in Assembly, John Hart and Samuel Tucker, adverse to the quartering of troops in the Province; signed by thirteen persons. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

For a notice of Samuel Tucker, see Field's Provincial Courts.]

May 1. St. James'. Order of Council appointing Daniel Coxe, Esq., to be a member of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of John Ladd, Esq., deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 24. Copy. 2 folios.

May 4. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—The King doubts not but the people of New Jersey will put themselves in a state of defence in case of a war with

Spain—His Lordship is aware of the difficulties that will attend making a general regulation for the Indian trade, and cannot but lament the obstacles which have been thrown in the way of establishing a general superintending power over all the British Dominions in America—the King has been pleased to approve Mr. D. Coxe for the vacancy in the Council of New Jersey, occasioned by the death of Mr. John Ladd. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Draft. 4 folios.

May 4. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Acknowledges the receipt of a Circular Dispatch, informing him that the King of Spain promised to restore Port Egmont, and that this event gives a prospect of the public tranquillity being continued. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Orig'l. 1 folio.

May 11. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending the disallowance of an Act of the New Jersey Assembly, passed there in March, 1770, entitled "An Act to explain and amend an Act of the General Assembly, passed in the tenth year of His Majesty's reign, entitled 'An Act for the relief of insolvent debtors, and for other purposes therein mentioned.'" S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 239. Entry. 5 folios.

May 19. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Transmits Minutes of Council of New Jersey relating chiefly to the complaint made by John Hatton, Esq., Collector of Customs at Salem—there is not the least foundation for his complaint against Justices—copies of several papers relative to this affair are herewith transmitted. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 3 folios.

—— Notes and observations made by the Dep'ty Secretary of New Jersey, on the complaint of John Hatton, Esq., Collector of Salem, against three of the magistrates of Cape May, after the examination of the parties before the Gov'r and Council, explaining more particularly several matters either omitted or but slightly mentioned in the Minutes of Council on that subject—(a very interesting paper.) S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Copy. 58 folios.

Enclosed in foregoing letter from Gov'r Franklin.

June 1. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—The Assembly of New Jersey still refuse to grant any money for the supply of the King's troops stationed there—the reasons why they should not be dissolved—they will be prorogued from time to time, until the orders from the King shall arrive what is to be done in this matter. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 9 folios.

June 5. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hills-

borough to all the Governors in America—Advising them of the birth of a Prince. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 257. Draft. 1 folio.

June 5. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Mr. Pownall to all the Governors in America—Transmitting copies of four Acts of Parliament, which relate to America, passed the last session. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 257. Draft. 1 folio.

June 7. St. James'. Order of Council disallowing an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in March, 1770, entitled "An Act to explain and amend an Act for the relief of insolvent debtors." S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 25. Copy. 4 folios.

June 7. St. James'. Order of Council disallowing an Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in November, 1769, entitled an Act to erect Courts in the several counties in this Colony for the trial of causes of ten pounds and under. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 26. Copy. 4 folios.

June 18. Report of Mr. Jackson to the Board of Trade upon seven Acts passed by the Assembly of New Jersey in October, 1770. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 11. Orig'l. 13 folios.

June 21. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King upon two Acts of the New Jersey Assembly, entitled "A supplementary Act to an Act, intituled 'An Act for the better enabling creditors to recover their just debts from persons who abscond themselves;'" and "An Act to enable persons who are His Majesty's liege subjects, either by birth or naturalization, to inherit and hold real estates notwithstanding the purchase, grant, or devise were made before naturalization within this Colony"—recommending them for the King's disallowance. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 243. Entry. 6 folios.

June 21. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Gov'r Franklin—Reasons for recommending to the King the disallowance of the Supplementary Act to the Act for enabling creditors to recover their just debts, and the Act for confirming titles derived from grants and devises made by aliens, passed in New Jersey in Oct., 1770—the Act for the support of Government requires some explanation—not to give assent to any law which establishes the sole right of the House of Representatives to appoint an agent for the colony. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 247. Entry. 8 folios.

June 27. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, proposing John Lawrence, Esq., to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of John Smith, Esq., deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 251. 1 folio.

July 3. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to

Gov'r Franklin—Approving his conduct with regard to the plan for recruiting the King's forces—the Board of Trade recommended Mr. Lawrence to fill the vacancy at the Council of New Jersey, occasioned by the death of Mr. John Smith—to induce the Assembly to grant provision for the King's troops—several public papers are transmitted. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Draft. 2 folios.

July 13. Treasury Chambers. Letter from Mr. Robinson to Mr. Pownall—By order of the Lords of the Treasury, transmits several papers, &c., from the Commissioners of the Customs in America, relative to certain outrages committed on their officers, and the neglect of the Governors and Civil Magistrates in giving them assistance and protection—thirteen enclosures. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 257. Original. 1 folio.

July 19. St. James'. Order of Council appointing John Lawrence, Esq., to be of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of John Smith, Esq., deceased. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 27. Copy. 3 folios.

July 19. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—The examination into the complaint of Mr. Hatton was conducted with great attention and impartiality by the Council of New Jersey—the obstinacy of the Assembly in persisting in their refusal to provide the King's troops with the necessaries, is matter of very serious consideration—Gov'r Franklin's conduct approved in dissolving them. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Draft. 3 folios.

July 19. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Pownall to Mr. Robinson, in answer to his of the 13th of the same month—With regard to the complaint of Mr. Hatton, Collector of the Customs at Salem, in New Jersey, Lord Hillsborough does not take any steps thereupon, as the whole transaction appeared to him in a different light from the papers transmitted by Gov'r Franklin. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 257. Draft. 3 folios.

July 20. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Glad to hear of Mr. Coxe being approved for supplying one of the vacancies in the Council of N. Jersey—sends Votes and Proceedings of the Assembly—particulars of the dispute between the Gov'r and Assembly on the subject of a member having resigned his seat in the House, on account of his having become insolvent—[Mr. Ogden, of Essex, see Aug. 7 and April 6, 1772.] S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 7 folios.

Aug. 24. Burlington. Letter from Governor Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Transmits copies of the Minutes of Council and Council in Assembly. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. Vol. 176. Original. 1 folio.

Sept. 3. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Acknowledges the receipt of several dispatches and public papers—is confined to his chamber with a fever. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 1 folio.

Sept. 17. Whitehall. Letter from J. Pownall to Governor Franklin—Acquainting him, in the absence of Lord Hillsborough, that his dispatch No. 32 has been received and laid before the King. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 1 folio.

[Oct. 7. Scheme of "The Newcastle Lottery in Delaware" to raise £3000 for the use of the United Presbyterian Churches in the city of New York, and the Presbyterian Churches of Newcastle and Christiana Bridge—Tickets obtainable in New Jersey of Mr. Abraham Hunt, merchant in Trenton, Mr. Enos Kelsey, merchant in Princeton, Doctor John Cochrane, in New Brunswick, Robert Ogden, Esq., and Mr. John Blanchard, merchant in Elizabethtown. Original Printed Broadside. Whitehead MSS.]

Oct. 12. New York. Address of the Committee of the Clergy of the Church of England, in New York and New Jersey, to Secretary Lord Hillsborough—Relative to the distressed state of the Church in those parts, which, through the want of Bishops, labours under many difficulties and hardships. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 258. Original. 15 folios.

Oct. 21. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Mr. Lawrence thankful for the honor of being appointed to the Council Board of New Jersey—the meeting of the Assembly will take place on the 20th November, when he will not fail to renew his endeavours to persuade the Assembly to provide for the King's troops—is surprised to find that the Commissioners of the Customs at Boston have transmitted to the Treasury Board the complaint of Hatton, whom they knew to have before acted "as a villain in his office." S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Orig'l. 4 folios.

Oct. 21. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—Explains that part of the New Jersey Money Bill which relates to the support of Government, and the mode of sinking the various emissions. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 14. Original. 9 folios.

Dec. 4. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—His conduct during the dispute with the Assembly of New Jersey, on the subject of a member having resigned his seat in the House on account of his insolveney, is approved. [See July 20.] S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Draft. 2 folios.

Dec. 10. Letter from Mr. Pownall to Mr. Jackson—Desiring him to prepare a draft of a clause to be inserted in all future Commissions to the Governors in the Plantations, giving them, as Chan-

cellors, the necessary powers to issue Commissions for the care and custody of idiots and lunatics. S P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 392. Entry. 2 folios.

Dec. 18. Whitehall. Letter from the Board of Trade to Richard Jackson, Esq.—Requiring his opinion upon a dispute of the Gov'r of New Jersey with the Assembly of that Province, concerning their claim of a right for a new election for the county of Essex, on the resignation by the Representative for the said county of his seat in the Assembly on account of insolvency. [See Dec. 4.] S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 252. Entry. 2 folios.

Dec. 26. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—The Assembly of New Jersey have given up the claim to the sole appointing of an agent—he will be appointed by the Votes of Council and Assembly. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 15. Orig'l. 2 folios.

Dec. 27. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—The Assembly was prevailed upon to provide for the arrears due to the troops stationed in New Jersey—the debt of the Colony incurred during the late war, about £200,000 currency, is to be paid off annually until 1783, at £15,000 a-year—observations on this subject—the matter of appointment of an Agent is also settled agreeably to the wishes of the Board of Trade. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 8 folios.

Enclosures. Gov'r Franklin's Speech to the Assembly of New Jersey, Nov. 21; the Assembly's Address to Gov'r Franklin, Nov. 25; Messages to the Assembly, Dec. 7 and 18; and Gov'r Franklin's Speech at the close of the session, Dec. 21.

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Jan. 11. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—By the removal of the troops from New Jersey, there will be no occasion for any further demand that may give rise to disagreeable altercation with the Assembly—it remains now to obtain the payment of arrears only. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Draft. 2 folios.

Jan. 15. St. James'. Order in Council directing the Board of Trade to prepare drafts of instructions to the Governors in America, (including New Jersey,) forbidding them to pass any law whereby the lands, goods, rights and credit of persons who have never resided within the Colony shall be liable to be attached for debt. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 29, U. 19. Original. 12 folios.

Jan. 15. St. James'. Order of Council disallowing two Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in October, 1770, entitled a Supplementary Act to an Act for the better enabling creditors to recover their just debts from persons who abscond themselves, and an Act to enable persons who are liege subjects, either by birth or natu-

ralization, to inherit or hold real estates, notwithstanding the purchase, grant or devise were made before naturalization within this Colony. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 28. Copy. 4 folios.

Feb. 1. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, submitting a draft of additional instructions to the Governors in the American Plantations with regard to the passing of the laws relative to the attachment of lands, goods and chattels, belonging to persons who have never resided in the Colony. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 395. Entry. 4 folios.

Feb. 3. St. James'. Order in Council approving the draft of an additional instruction to the Governor of New Jersey, forbidding him to assent to any law by which the lands, &c., of persons who have never resided within his Province shall be attached for the payment of debts due from such persons, otherwise than as allowed by the laws of Great Britain. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 108, A. Orig'l. 3 folios.

Feb. 5. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to all the Governors in America, transmitting the King's Speech to the Houses of Parliament, and their Addresses; also an additional instructions with regard to the passing of laws relative to the attachment of lands, goods and chattels, belonging to persons who have never resided in the Colony. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 258. Draft. 2 folios.

Feb. 5. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—Sends an Order of Council disallowing two Acts passed in New Jersey in October, 1770, and a copy of the Board of Trade's representation thereupon. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Draft. 1 folio.

Feb. 8. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to all the Governors in America, informing them of the death of the Princess Dowager of Wales, which took place on that day in the morning. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 258. Draft. 1 folio.

Enclosing. Circular about the mourning, and Circular about the alteration of the Form of prayer for the Royal Family.

Feb. 13. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Enclosing drafts of an additional instruction for the Governors in America, relating to the alteration in the prayers for the Royal Family. S P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 405. Entry. 6 folios.

Feb. 17. St. James'. Order in Council approving the draft of an additional instruction to the Governor of New Jersey, relative to alterations in the prayers for the Royal Family. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 108, A. Original. 3 folios.

March 4. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—The King approves of the zeal and attention shown for his service in obtaining the provision for his troops lately stationed in New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Draft. 1 folio.

March 10. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Sends copies of the Minutes and Laws of the last session of General Assembly of New Jersey—short remarks upon several Acts. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 2 folios.

March 17. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, upon the petition of William Henry, Earl of Rochford, for a grant of several islands, grounds and shoals, within the Bay and the River of Delaware, as far as Station Point, in lat. 41 deg., 40 min.—Giving it as their opinion that neither New Jersey nor Pennsylvania have any right to those islands, and the King has the power to dispose of them in any way he pleases. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 414. Entry. 15 folios.

April 6. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—An account of the manner in which the dispute with the Assembly of New Jersey, about the resignation of Mr. Ogden as member of the said Assembly, was settled. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 10 folios.

May 5. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—The Royal disallowance will be published of the two Acts passed in Oct. 1770—remarks upon the said Acts—condolence upon the death of the Dowager Princess of Wales. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 7 folios.

May 11. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Transmits the petition of the Presbyterian Clergy, resident in New Jersey, praying that he (the Gov'r) would grant them a charter to enable them to raise a fund for the support of their widows and children, and desires his Lordship's opinion on the subject. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 10 folios. [See Feb. 27, 1773.]

Enclosing: The Petition; the draft of the proposed Charter; Mr. Ogden's observations thereupon; the Attorney General's two Reports upon it—and the Minutes of Council relative thereto: 55 folios.

June 6. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—The controversy with the Assembly of New Jersey being at an end, no further steps will be taken on the subject—the King gave an adequate salary to the Chief Justice, and thus the Province will be relieved from any further expense on account of

that establishment. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Draft. 3 folios.

[June 12. Salem. Letter from John Carey to Cortlandt Skinner, in reference to the refusal of the Courts of Salem and Cumberland counties to acknowledge the right of the Attorney General to appoint deputies, claiming that the right was vested in them, and they had exercised it by appointing Mr. Trenchard to the exclusion of himself, whom Mr. Skinner had appointed. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[June. State of the claim of William, Earl of Stirling, John Stevens, James Parker, Walter Rutherfurd and Lewis Morris, to half a propriety purchased by Arent Sonmans of John Drummond, afterwards Lord Viscount Melfort. (See June 15 and July.) Contemporaneous copy. Whitehead MSS.]

[June 15. Arguments on the part of Lord Perth in case in Chancery, "the Right Hon'ble James, Earl of Perth, *ads* the Right Hon'ble William, Earl of Stirling—signed Elias Boudinot, of Council." Contemporaneous copy. 46 foolscap pages. Whitehead MSS.]

June 24. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—Glad to hear that his success to obtain a provision for the troops has been so satisfactory to the King—the Assembly are called for the 19th of Aug. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 1 folio.

[July. Reply to the Earl of Perth's argument, in case in Chancery—"the Earl of Stirling, John Stevens, Walter Rutherfurd, Jas. Parker and Lewis Morris, against the claim of the Earl of Perth. (See 1772, June 15.) Contemporaneous copy signed R. R. Livingston, Jr., of Council. Whitehead MSS. 50 foolscap pages.

July 1. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—The observations upon two disallowed Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed in Oct., 1770, contained in Gov'r Franklin's despatch of May 5, shall be communicated to the Board of Trade. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Draft. 1 folio.

July 2. Report of Richard Jackson, Esq., to the Board of Trade—Giving his opinion in point of law upon twenty-five Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed at their session in the year 1771. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 29. Original. 14 folios.

July 15. Letter from Mr. Jackson to the Board of Trade—Giving it as his opinion that the claim set up by the Assembly of New Jersey, to order the issuing a writ for the election of a new member in the room of Mr. Ogden, who had resigned his seat, is illegal and unconstitutional. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 16. Original. 2 folios.

July 15. Report of Richard Jackson to the Board of Trade—With the draft of a clause giving to the Governors of the Colonies in America, as Chancellors, power to issue Commissions for the care and custody of idiots and lunatics. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 29, U. 30. Original. 5 folios.

July 29. Whitehall. Draft of a clause proposed to be inserted in the instructions to the Governors in the American Plantations, giving them, as Chancellors, the powers to issue Commissions for the care and custody of idiots and lunatics. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 426. Entry. 7 folios.

Aug. 7. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Hillsborough to Gov'r Franklin—The claim of the Assembly of N. Jersey to order the issuing a writ for the election of a new member to serve in that House for the County of Essex, is considered by the King as illegal, unconstitutional, and altogether unwarranted by any approved usage or practice in Great Britain or any of her Colonies. S. P. O. Am. & West Indies. Vol. 176. Draft. 2 folios.

Aug. 14. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to all the Governors in America, informing them of his being appointed Colonial Secretary—Directing that their despatches be addressed to him. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 258. Draft. 2 folios.

[Aug. 26. Rules of the House of Assembly, 12 in number. Contemporaneous copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Sept. 4. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the Chief Justices of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and the Judge of the Vice Admiralty Court at Boston, informing of their being appointed Commissioners for inquiring into and making report to the King of all the circumstances relative to the attacking, plundering and burning the Gaspée schooner within the Colony of Rhode Island. S. P. O. Am. & West Indies. Vol. 258. Draft. 3 folios.

Sept. 4. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth (Secr. of State) to Gov'r Franklin—In consequence of the daring insult offered to His Majesty's Commission, in the plundering and burning the Gaspée schooner in the River of Narraganset, within the Colony of Rhode Island, the Chief Justice of N. Jersey is directed with all convenient despatch to repair thither, in order to the carrying the issued Commission into execution. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Draft. 2 folios.

Sept. 5. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the Chief Justices of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and the Judge of the Vice Admiralty Court at Boston, enclosing copy of a despatch, received from R. Ad. Montague, with the list of the names of persons stated to have been ringleaders in the attack and burning of the Gaspée schooner in Rhode Island. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 258. Draft. 1 folio.

Oct. 5. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Hillsborough—The Assembly of New Jersey (notwithstanding all the resolutions of the late House to the contrary) granted a sum of money for the support of the King's troops. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 2 folios.

Oct. 5. Amboy, N. J. Letter from Mr. Smyth, Chief Justice of New Jersey, to the (Earl of Hillsborough)—Arrived at N. York on the 22d of Sept.,—on his coming to New Jersey he found the Governor and Assembly engaged in a violent contest on the subject of the Treasurer of the Province, who about four years ago was robbed of £6000 of public money—the opinion of the people in general on the subject of the new projected Government on the Ohio is very unfavorable—desires to be allowed to receive a certain sum of money that may be granted by the Assembly for his travelling expenses on the Circuit—the demand for the British goods in the Colonies is very brisk. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 9 folios.

Oct. 12. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Board of Trade—The laws of N. Jersey have made no provision respecting either idiots or lunatics, but there were instances where the Governors, as Chancellors, have undertaken to act in the manner, which is intended by the proposed clause in their instructions, they shall do for the future. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 17. Original. 2 folios.

Oct. 18. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Acknowledges the receipt of the despatch of the 14th of Aug., informing him of his Lordship's appointment to be one of the Principal Secretaries of State. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Original. 1 folio.

[Oct. 20. "Baskenridge." Letter from Wm. Alexander (Lord Stirling) to Cortlandt Skinner, relative to the purchase of a tract of land of the Proprietors, for the use of the Hibernia Furnace. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Oct. 30. Perth Amboy. The memorial of Cortlandt Skinner, Esq., Att. Gen'l of New Jersey, to the Earl of Dartmouth, praying that he may obtain such a salary from the Crown, as may be thought adequate to his services and the importance and usefulness of his office in that Colony. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 4 folios.

Enclosed in Gov'r Franklin's letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, of 5th of Jan., 1773.

Nov. 28. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Transmits Minutes of Council and Assembly and the Acts passed by the Assembly of New Jersey at the last session —observations in favor of three Acts, viz., the boundary Act, the

Act about holding and inheriting estates in the Colony, and the lottery Act. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 347. Entry. 8 folios.

The original letter is missing.

Dec. 9. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—Much gratified to see that the resolutions of the late Assembly of New Jersey had no influence upon the conduct of the present, and that they made the requisite provision for the support of the King's troops. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 176. Draft. 2 folios.

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Jan. 4. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—The papers, &c., transmitted on the 4th of Sept. last, were transmitted to Mr. Chief Justice Smyth, who in a few days went to Rhode Island to enquire into the circumstances of destroying the Gaspée schooner. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol 177. Original. 1 folio.

Jan. 5. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—The Att. Gen'l of New Jersey prays for a more adequate compensation for his services—the Assembly are not inclined to grant an additional allowance to the officers of Government—messages and answers on the subject—observations on the Governor and other officers' fees and emoluments. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 17 folios.

Enclosing the memorial of Cortlandt Skinner, Esq., of 30th Oct., 1772.

Feb. 3. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—Has received his letter of 28th of Nov., together with the Journals and Acts passed last session, and his observations thereon, which shall have an early consideration, as they require the confirmation of the Crown. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 2 folios.

Feb. 8. New York. Letter from Frederick Smyth, Esq., Chief Justice of New Jersey, to the Earl of Dartmouth, upon his return from Rhode Island, where he went to assist in carrying on an inquiry into the circumstance relative to the plundering and burning the schooner Gaspée—gives a particular account of the disposition of the inhabitants of that and the neighbouring Provinces, and expresses his fears that the intention of the Government will be defeated, and the offenders screened from the hand of justice. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 20 folios.

Feb. 27. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Acknowledges the receipt of several despatches, and desires to know the King's determination with respect to the petition from the Presbyterian Ministers of New Jersey for a Charter. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 2 folios.

March 3. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—He will not fail to give every weight to the representation of the hardships sustained by the servants of the Crown in New Jersey, and to recommend a more adequate establishment for them. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 2 folios.

April 7. St. James'. Order in Council, directing the Board of Trade to report what alterations should be made in the instructions to the Governors in America, touching the grant of lands, and forbidding them to make any further grants until the King's pleasure be known. S. P. O. Am. Plant. Gen. Vol. 29, U. 49. Original. 6 folios.

April 10. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—The application of the Presbyterian Ministers in New Jersey will have the fullest consideration—at present the said application does not appear to be unreasonable. [See May 11, 1772.] S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 2 folios.

April 10. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Mr. Chief Justice Smyth—Is much obliged for his letter of the 8th Feb. last, and for the very sensible remarks it contains, which may be of great use. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 1 folio.

April 21. Report of Richard Jackson, Esq., to the Board of Trade—Giving his opinion in point of law upon twenty-four Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed at their session in Sept., 1772. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 30. Orig'l. 17 folios.

May 27. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, upon four Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed at their session in Aug. and Sept., 1772. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 253. Entry. 13 folios.

May 31. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Thanks his Lordship for the promise to support his application for a more adequate establishment for the servants of the Crown in New Jersey—Gives particular account of the allowances of the different officers in the Government. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 7 folios.

June 2. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—The petition of the Presbyterian Ministers of New Jersey for a Charter has been fully considered, and the King permits that the Colony Seal be affixed to it. [See May 11, 1772.] S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 1 folio.

June 3. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing draft of additional instructions to the Governors in the American Plantations, containing rules and regulations in the laying out, allotting and granting such lands, &c., as now are

or hereafter shall be in the King's power to dispose of within their respective Governments. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 448. Entry. 24 folios.

July 5. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Being informed that the Act of the New Jersey Assembly, passed at the last session, for establishing the boundary line between that Province and New York, by some mistake was transmitted without the Colonial Seal, he sends another copy in due form, in order that it may be confirmed. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 2 folios.

July 5. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the Governors in America—The accounts hitherto received from the Governors of the condition of their respective Governments not being so full and explicit as it is necessary, they are therefore desired to send a very full and particular answer to the enclosed queries. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 259. Draft. 11 folios.

[The New York letter printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VII. p. 388.]

Aug. 4. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—Owing to the deficiency of the fund appropriated by Parliament, for supporting the civil establishments in America, a proper provision cannot be made for the present for the support of the King's Government in New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 2 folios.

[Aug. 10. Bloomsbury Square. Letter from Henry Wilmot to Cortlandt Skinner—Asking for the settlement and payment of his account as Agent of the Province. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Sept. 1. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. Pownall to Gov'r Franklin—Informing him that his despatch of the 5th July, No. 7, has been received and laid before the King. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 1 folio.

Sept. 1. St. James'. Order in Council, disallowing and declaring void three Acts of New Jersey, passed in Aug. and Sept., 1772, entitled "An Act to naturalize John Felthausen," "Act for the relief of Benjamin Ayres, now a prisoner in the gaol of the County of Cumberland," and an "Act to dissolve the marriage of David Baxter with Margaret, his wife, late Margaret McMastry." S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 5 folios.

Sept. 1. St. James'. Order in Council, confirming an Act passed in New Jersey, in Sept., 1772, entitled "An Act to enable all persons who are His Majesty's liege subjects, either by birth or naturalization, to inherit and hold real estates, notwithstanding any defect of purchases made before naturalization, within this Colony. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 5 folios.

Oct. 6. Whitehall. Letter from Mr. W. Knox (Secr. to the

Earl of Dartmouth,) to Gov'r Franklin—Transmitting Orders of Council, disallowing three, and allowing one Act of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed at their session in Sept., 1772. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 2 folios.

Oct. 18. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—He was very much indisposed—the Presbyterian Ministers of New Jersey are very much pleased with the grant of a Charter—he is collecting the materials in order to give a full and particular answer to the several heads of enquiry contained in the Circular Letter of 5th July, 1773. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 2 folios.

Oct. 28. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing draft of instructions to the Governors in America, directing them not to give their assent to any law for the naturalization of aliens, nor for divorce, nor for establishing a title in any persons to lands, &c., originally granted to or purchased by aliens, antecedent to naturalization. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 463. Entry. 5 folios.

The above instructions were signed 24th Nov., 1773; transmitted to the Governors, 1st Dec., do.

Oct. 28. Whitehall. Order in Council, requiring the Board of Trade to prepare drafts of additional instructions to all the Governors in America, conformable to a sketch enclosed, concerning the regulations to be adopted as to waste and unsettled lands. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 31, W. 1. Original. 25 folios.

[Nov. 15. Portsmouth, N. H. Letter from Samuel Holland, Surveyor General of the Northern District of America, to James Parker—Wishes to make Perth Amboy his head-quarters, and enquires after houses for the accommodation of himself and Assistant Surveyors—his district included all the Provinces North of Virginia—had completed the surveys from the eastward as far as Boston—hopes the next summer to be round Cape Cod, as far as New London—it would be at least six years before the whole survey would be finished. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Nov. 19. St. James'. Order in Council, approving draft of an additional instruction to the Governor of New Jersey, directing him not to give his assent to any bill for the naturalization of aliens, nor for the divorce of persons joined together in holy marriage, nor for establishing a title in any persons to lands, &c., originally granted to, or purchased by aliens antecedent to naturalization. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 108, B. Original. 3 folios.

Nov. 25. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, enclosing draft of additional instructions to the Governors in America, with regard to the management, &c., of the lands, tenements, and hereditaments, which are, or shall be in the King's

power, to dispose of. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 46, p. 467. Entry. 22 folios.

[Dec. Letter from Cortlandt Skinner to Philip Kearny—Proceedings of the Assembly in relation to the Treasurer. Original. Whitehead MSS.

Extract printed in Proceedings of N. J. Hist. Soc., Vol. V. p. 59.]

[Dec. 5. Burlington. Letter from Cortlandt Skinner to Philip Kearny—Proceedings of the Assembly in reference to the Treasurer—course of John Kinsey, &c. Original. Whitehead MSS.

Extract printed in Proceedings of N. J. Hist. Soc., Vol. V. p. 59.]

[—— Anonymous letter from a member of the Assembly to Cortlandt Skinner—Assuring him that his vote for the removal of his brother, Stephen Skinner, the Treasurer, was not prompted by any personal or party feelings, but by a desire to remove an obstacle to the adoption of certain measures for the benefit of the Province. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[Dec. 19. Burlington. Letter from Cortlandt Skinner to Philip Kearny—Detailing the proceedings of the Legislature in relation to the Treasurer. Original. Whitehead MSS.

Extract printed in Proceedings of N. J. Hist. Soc., Vol. V. p. 60.]

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[Jan. Letter purporting to be from Grace Ford, wife of "Sam Ford," the counterfeiter, to James Kinsey, as printed in Rivington's Gazette, January 27, 1774. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

See Proceedings of the Society, Vol. V. p. 63.]

[? Draft of instructions to the Representatives in Assembly from Burlington county—They were not to consent to the discharge of the Eastern Treasurer from his liabilities—to insist upon his removal—no money to be granted for a trial, except to a Committee appointed by the Assembly—no trial to be allowed while he has charge of the money of the Province—no excise law to be allowed, nor any money bill. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Jan. 8. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—The boundary received the King's approbation, but the order will not be issued until the agent for the Province of New Jersey does not pay [pays ?] certain fees—the Lottery Act is under the consideration of the Board of Trade. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 2 folios.

Jan. 20. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King, recommending the confirmation of a Lottery Act passed by the Assembly of New Jersey in September, 1772. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 259. Entry. 6 folios.

[Feb. 14. Burlington. Minutes of Council referring to the representations against Thomas Kinney, High Sheriff of Morris

county, for allowing Samuel Ford to escape from jail—The Council of opinion that the charges were not supported, but recommending the prosecution by the Att. Gen'l of an indictment found against Mr. K. for misbehaviour in the premises. Official copy. Whitehead MSS.]

[Feb. 24. Message from Gov'r Franklin to the Assembly—Transmitting the resignation of the Treasurer, Stephen Skinner. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Feb. 28. Burlington. Letter from John Stevens to Philip Kearny at Perth Amboy—Giving information respecting the resignation of Stephen Skinner, the Treasurer, and the appointment of John Smith as his successor. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Feb. 28. Burlington. Letter from Governor Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Acknowledges the receipt of several despatches—the Assembly of N. Jersey have been sitting ever since the 10th of November—great part of their time was taken up with the dispute about the Treasurer—this affair caused a good deal of disturbance in the Province—the Treasurer at last resigned, and every thing is quiet—Charles Read, Esq., one of the Council, having removed to St. Croix, Francis Hopkinson, Esq., relation of the Bishop of Worcester, is recommended to supply his place. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 4 folios.

March 10. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Mr. Pownall, by order of the Earl of Dartmouth, to all the Governors in America, enclosing copies of the King's Message to both Houses of Parliament, relative to the disturbances in America, and the resolutions of both Houses which followed thereupon. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 260. Draft and copies. 7 folios.

March 28. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth, enclosing Annswers to the Queries transmitted in the Circular of the 5th July last; also sends an account of the dwelling houses in New Jersey, number of marriages, births, and burials; and an account of the exports from the port of Perth Amboy—For further particulars, His Lordship is referred to the Smith's History of New Jersey, published in 1765—(Mr. Smith was one of the Council.) S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Orig'l. 90 folios.

April 6. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Mr. Pownall, by direction of the Earl of Dartmouth, to all the Governors in America, enclosing copy of an Act of Parliament to prevent the landing of goods in the harbour of Boston. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 260. Draft. 1 folio.

April 13. St. James'. Order in Council confirming an Act passed in New Jersey, September, 1772, entitled "An Act to enable certain persons to erect and draw a lottery for raising the sum of

£1050, to be applied for the purposes therein mentioned. S. P. O Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 5 folios.

April 21. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King—Recommending Francis Hopkinson, Esq., to be appointed of the Council of New Jersey, in the room of Charles Read, Esq., who left the Province. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 262. Entry. 2 folios.

May 2. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Has received His Lordship's letter of the 2d March —congratulations on the Queen's happy delivery and birth of a Prince. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 347. Entry. 1 folio.

May 4. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—It is very satisfactory to find that an end has been put to the dispute respecting the Treasurer of the Eastern Division of New Jersey—Mr. Hopkinson is proposed to be of the Council. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 2 folios.

May 31. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—The people of New Jersey are not concerned in carrying on any commerce with the Massachusetts Bay—the merchants of Philadelphia and New York are inclined to assist those of Boston —a Congress of members of the several Houses of Assembly proposed—the people of New Jersey joined in the scheme, as they did not choose to appear singular—the measure is absurd, if not unconstitutional—he will endeavour to keep the Province quiet, and no attachment nor connections shall ever make him swerve from the duty of his station—as the times are likely to be more and more difficult, the Seat of Government will be removed to Amboy, where a Council can be assembled with greater ease than at Burlington. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 9 folios.

June. 1. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Mr. Knox, by order of the Earl of Dartmouth, to all the Governors in America, (except Massachusetts Bay,) transmitting copies of two Acts of Parliament, viz.—An Act for the impartial administration of justice in the cases of persons questioned for any acts done by them in the execution of the law, or for the suppression of the riots and tumults in Mass'ts Bay; and an Act for better regulating the Government of the Province of Mass'ts Bay, in New England—directing the said Acts to be made public in each colony. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 260. Draft. 2 folios.

June 1. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—Acknowledges the receipt of his despatch of the 28th of March, and commends his attention to the King's commands. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 1 folio.

[June 13. Elizabethtown. Letter from the Committee of the people of Essex County to the inhabitants of Monmouth County—

"Friends to the liberties and privileges of the American Colonies" —commenting upon the events at Boston, and recommending a general meeting at New Brunswick, July 21. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Printed in Proceedings of Society, Vol. I. p. 185.]

June 13. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Transmits thirty-three Acts of the Assembly of New Jersey, passed at their last session; also Minutes of the Council and Journal of Council in Assembly—remarks relating to four Acts of the Assembly now transmitted. S. P O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 11 folios.

June 28. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—The freeholders and inhabitants of the County of Essex held a meeting and passed several resolves herewith transmitted—several leading men in New Jersey are determined to follow the example of the freeholders of Essex—their principal aim is to bring about a Congress of Deputies from all Colonies, as proposed by Virginia—remarks on the utility of such a Congress. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 7 folios. Resolution. Copy 10 folios.

[For the Resolutions, see Force's American Archives, 4th series, Vol. I. col. 403.]

July 1. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Mr. Pownall, by order of the Earl of Dartmouth, to all the Governors in America —Enclosing copies of several Acts passed in the last session of Parliament, which relate to America. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 260. Draft. 1 folio.

July 6. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—It could hardly be expected that the Assembly of New Jersey would resist appointing a Committee of Correspondence —the King approves the removal of the Government Seat from Burlington to Amboy. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 2 folios.

July 27. Philadelphia. Copy of "The Pennsylvania Gazette," No. 2379, containing the resolutions passed at a general meeting of the Committees of the several counties of New Jersey, held at New Brunswick on Thursday, the 21st of July, 1774, and continued to the Saturday following—present seventy-two members. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. 9 folios.

Enclosed in Gov'r Franklin's letter to the Earl of Dartmouth of 6th September, 1774.

[For the Proceedings of this meeting, see Force's American Archives, Vol. I. 4th series, col. 624.]

Sept. 3 & 5. Philadelphia. Extracts of two (secret and confidential) letters from one of the Delegates for the Congress at Philaphia to Gov'r Franklin—Giving an account of the temper of the Delegates, their first day's proceedings, individual description of

some of them—the resolves, &c. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Copy. 8 folios.

Enclosed in Gov'r Franklin's letter to the Earl of Dartmouth of 6th September, 1774.

Sept. 6. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—There has been a general meeting at New Brunswick, when they came to resolutions similar to those of the other Colonies, a copy of which is contained in the enclosed—"The Pennsylvania Gazette" [July 27, No. 2379]—transmits copies of two letters from a member of the Congress, containing an account of their first two days' proceedings, with the request that they should be kept secret [dated Sept. 3 and Sept. 5]—the same gentleman wrote a pamphlet, entitled "Arguments on both Sides, &c.," which is already printed, and a copy herewith transmitted, but is doubtful whether it will be of any use to make it public. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Orig'l. 7 folios.

—— A printed Pamphlet, but it is very doubtful if ever it was circulated, entitled "Arguments on both sides in the dispute between G't Britain and her Colonies,"—In which those in favor of the power of Parliament to bind the Colonies are stated and answered, and the rights of the Colonists explained and asserted on new and just principles—by a sincere friend to both countries—to which is added, Lord N.'s Political Creed with respect to America—printed in the year 1774. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. 12 12mo. pages, about 40 folios.

Enclosed in Gov'r Franklin's letter to the Earl of Dartmouth, of 6th Sept., 1774.

Sept. 7. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—Acknowledges the receipt of several public papers—the King is very much concerned about the nomination of Deputies from the different Colonies to meet in general Congress at Philadelphia—the complaints of grievances coming from each Colony separately, would have much greater weight than from a channel, of the propriety and legality of which there may be much doubt—the measure is gone too far to encourage any hope of its being retracted. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 3 folios.

[Sept. 21. Elizabethtown. Letter from Jonathan Hampton to Cortlandt Skinner—Giving an account of the filling up of a well he had begun to dig, by twelve or more persons in disguise, the night previous—Doctor Barnet implicated—should bring the matter before the Court. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

Oct. 19. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to all the Governors in America—Enclosing King's order for arresting and securing any gunpowder, arms or ammunition, which might be imported from England to the Colonies, except the Master

of the ship will show a license for so doing. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 260. Draft. 2 folios.

[New York letter printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 509.]

[Oct. 21. Boston. Letter from Committee of Correspondence at Boston to Committee of Monmouth County. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS. Enclosed in letter of Edward Taylor's to Josiah Holmes, Jan. 11, 1775.

Printed in the Society's Proceedings, Vol. I. pp. 187–188.]

Oct. 29. New York. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Transmits a pamphlet, published by the Congress at Philadelphia, containing their resolutions, &c. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 2 folios.

Oct. Philadelphia. Petition of the members of the Congress at Philadelphia to the King, praying the redress of the grievances—fifty-one original signatures, among which are Samuel and John Adams, General Washington, and other eminent men. S. P. O. Am & W. Indies. Vol. 260. Orig'l. 30 folios.

Nov. 2. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to all the Governors in America—Directing them to transmit to the Board of Trade every three months a list of the names of the Council in their respective Colonies. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 260. Draft. 2 folios.

Nov. 2. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—The King approves his conduct in transmitting the papers in his despatch of the 6th of September—every information with regard to the state of North America would be very useful—it will be kept most secret. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 2 folios.

Dec. 6. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Although the proceedings of the Congress are not altogether satisfactory, yet the terms of association (non-import) will be generally carried into execution—the opinion of the moderate men is, that the mother country must either consent to what must appear humiliating in the eyes of all Europe, or to compel obedience to her laws by a military force—a plan of constitutional union with Great Britain was proposed and even entered on their Minutes, with an order referring it to further consideration, but the plan and order was afterward erased from the Minutes—copy of the plan of constitutional union with the mother country is herewith transmitted. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Nol. 177. Original. 6 folios. Enclosure. 12 folios.

Dec. 6. Report of Richard Jackson on thirty-three Acts, passed by the Governor, Council and Assembly of New Jersey in March, 1774. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 34. Original. 23 folios.

Dec. 10. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to all the Governors in America, transmitting to them copies of the King's speech to both Houses of Parliament, their Addresses, and the King's declaration of his determination to withstand every attempt to weaken his authority over the Colonies. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 260. Draft. 3 folios.

Dec. 16. Burlington. Caveat of the Overseers of a school in the town of Burlington, against any grants being made of the island of Burlington, until they are first heard in support of their title thereto. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 37. Original. 5 folios.

Dec. 19. Whitehall. Representation from the Board of Trade to the King upon three Acts of the Assembly of N. Jersey, passed at their session in 1774. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 17, p. 263. Entry. 12 folios.

N. B. This representation is the last document relating to N. Jersey, which was issued from the Board of Trade.

Dec. 20. Perth Amboy. Letter from Samuel Holland, Surveyor General of the Northern District of America, to John Pownall—has been engaged in making astronomical observations for settling the 42d degree of latitude on Delaware River—regrets that none of the plans he has transmitted can be applied to any public use till the general map is complete—details of the surveys he has made and intends making for the finishing same next summer. S. P. O., B. T. Plant. Gen. Vol. 31, W. 9. Original. 16 folios.

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Jan. 4. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the Governors in North America, directing them to prevent the choice of Deputies to attend the Continental Congress, and to exhort all persons from such unjustifiable proceedings. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 261. Draft. 2 folios.

[New York letter printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 527.]

[Jan. 5. Shrewsbury. Advertisement calling a meeting of the inhabitants of Shrewsbury for the 17th Jan., to choose a Committee in accordance with the recommendations of the Continental Congress. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Printed in the Society's "Proceedings," Vol. I. p, 189.]

Jan. 7. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—The despatch of the 6th of Dec., and the plan of a proposed Union was received—the Parliament at the next sitting will come to some final decision with regard to the Colonies—the disapprobation of the proceedings of the Congress from the higher class of men in New York and New Jersey, must have an influence upon the minds of unprejudiced persons. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 3 folios.

[Jan. 11. Middletown. Letter from Edward Taylor to Josiah

Holmes, at Shrewsbury—Enclosing 1774, Oct. 21, letters from Boston Committee of Correspondence to the Committee of Correspondence of Monmouth County. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Printed in the "Society's Proceedings," Vol. I. pp. 185, 186.]

Feb. 1. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the (Earl of Dartmouth)—The Assembly of New Jersey met on the 11th of Jan., and have approved the proceedings of the Congress at Philadelphia—transmits public papers—observations on the Assembly's Address. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 6 folios.

[For Proceedings of the Assembly, see Force's Amer. Archives, 4th Ser., Vol. I. col. 1121.]

Feb. 13. New Jersey. Address of the Assembly of New Jersey to the King—Recapitulating their grievances, and praying for the redress of them. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 15 folios.

[Feb. 17. Letter from Lord Stirling to Cortlandt Skinner—Covering a valuation by three impartial persons, of the lands mortgaged by him to Mrs. Mary Verplanck, "and afterwards by some unaccountable mistake" to the Treasurer of the Province, as security for money had out of the Treasury. (See Force's Amer. Arch., 4th Ser. Vol. I. col. 1131.) Orig'l. Whitehead MSS.]

Feb. 18. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Notice is given to all the officers of the Customs in New Jersey, to seize all arms and ammunition which may be imported into that Province, without a license from the King or the Privy Council. S. P. O., Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 2 folios.

Feb. 20. St. James'. Order in Council, approving a report from the Lords of the Committee of Council for Plantations—Relative to three Acts of the Province of New Jersey, and recommending a settlement of salaries more suitable to the civil officers of the said Province, the building of houses suitable for the residence of the Governor, &c., and directing that the Governor of New Jersey do make a requisition accordingly to his Province. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 108, C. Original. 16 folios.

Feb. 22. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the Governors of New York, N. Jersey, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania, enclosing the Addresses of both Houses of Parliament to the King, with regard to the state of the American Colonies—a bill brought to the House of Commons for restraining the trade and fisheries to the four New England Governments, and a copy of a resolution declaratory of the sense of Parliament upon the subject of taxation—it is hoped that the last-named resolution will produce such a conduct on the part of the Colonies as shall lead to

a restoration of the public tranquillity. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 261. Draft. 3 folios.

March 3. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the Governors in North America—Enclosing copy of a resolution of the House of Commons, (27th Feb.,) which resolution the King approves entirely, and hopes that the Colonies will handsomely provide for the Civil Government—but every attempt to violate the rights of Parliament, to distress and obstruct the lawful commerce of his subjects, and to encourage in the Colonies ideas of independence, he will resist with firmness. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 261. Draft. 16 folios.

[New York letter printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 545.]

March 3. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the several Governors in North America, informing them that the Circular Letter of this day's date [the foregoing] should not be officially communicated to the Assemblies, only to be explained to those whose situation and connections may enable the Assembly to give facility to the measures it points to. S. P. O. Am. & W Indies. Vol. 261. Draft. 3 folios.

March 3. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—Transmits Order of Council, disallowing an Act passed in the last session of the Assembly of New Jersey, for lowering the interest of money to six per cent.,—and another approving the Act for striking £100,000 in bills of credit, and an Act for the relief of Abner Hatfield, an insolvent debtor—the King expects that the Assembly of New Jersey will provide adequate salaries to the civil officers of the Government, and build houses for the residence of the Governor and the meeting of the Legislature. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 4 folios.

March 3. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—Acknowledges the receipt of his despatch of 1st Feb., and acquaints him that he has no further commands from the King than those contained in his Circular Letter of this date. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 2 folios.

[March 6. Freehold. Letter from the Committee of Correspondence by Nath'l Scudder, then Clerk, to the "Respectable Inhabitants of the Township of Shrewsbury, at their annual Town Meeting." Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Printed in the Society's "Proceedings," Vol. I. p. 190.]

March 7. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Transmitting a list of the names of the Council of New Jersey, none of whom were absent from the Province. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 2 folios. List. 1 folio.

April 3. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl

of Dartmouth—Desires that all the intelligence which he communicates may be kept as secret as possible—transmits extracts of several letters, giving an account of the disposition of the people of New Jersey—Mr. Galloway has published a pamphlet containing his plan of a proposed union between Great Britain and the Colonies, with reasons in support of it—is very much concerned to find that his letter of the 29th of Oct. was not delivered—the Assembly had resolved upon appointing members for the intended general Congress in May—all the Circular Letters sent to the Governors are published in Rhode Island newspapers, with some innocent remarks. S. P. O. Am. & West Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 10 folios. Enclosures. Copies. 60 folios.

April 5. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Mr. Pownall, by order of the Earl of Dartmouth, to all the Governors in North America—Enclosing copy of an Act of Parliament for restraining the trade and commerce of the four New England Colonies. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 261. Draft. 2 folios.

April 5. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Mr. Pownall to all the Governors in America—Enclosing a Gazette containing a Proclamation issued by order of the States General, prohibiting the exportation of arms and ammunition from their dominions. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 261. Draft. 1 folio.

Enclosing the London Gazette from March 28 to April 1, 1775. No. 11548.

April 15. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the several Governors in North America—Acquainting them with the King's pleasure that the orders of the Commander-in-Chief of the forces in America shall be supreme, and be obeyed accordingly. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 261. Draft. 1 folio.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 569.]

[(May ?) Articles of Association of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of Pequanock, in the County of Morris, pledging themselves to sustain the action of the Continental and Provincial Congresses, in defending the Constitution, signed by 180 persons. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[May Term. Draft of an agreement to be signed by the lawyers, that, in consequence of the state of the Colonies requiring the aid and assistance of every individual, and as many practitioners of the law particularly were required to give their time and attention to the public service, they would not carry on or prosecute any action unless with the consent of the attorney on the other side, and that they would do all in their power to prevent unnecessary litigation. Original draft. Whitehead MSS.]

May 6. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the

Earl of Dartmouth—The reconciliation with the people was totally defeated by the proceedings of the King's troops at Concord—the people of N. J. are alarmed—they are arming themselves—attempt to carry the treasury chest and the records away—they are entering into associations similar to that of New York, to obey their Congress—observations on Gen. Gage's measures—the impropriety of publishing the Governor's correspondence, by order of the House of Commons. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 32 folios.

May 22. Whitehall. Letter from Secr. Lord Dartmouth to the Governor of New Jersey—Acquainting him with the death of the Queen of Denmark, the King's sister, and enclosing the Gazette containing the orders for mourning. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 261. Draft. 2 folios.

May 27. Perth Amboy. Letter from Samuel Holland to Secr. Lord Dartmouth—Transmitting the plans of last summer's surveys—fears they will not equal those of former years, on account of the inconveniences consequent on the situation of public affairs. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 261. Original. 6 folios.

[May 27 to 1776, March 6. Proceedings of the Committee of Correspondence of Shrewsbury. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Printed in the Society's "Proceedings," Vol. I. p. 190, and see page 184 of same volume for preceding circumstances.]

June 5. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Incorporated the whole letter of the 3d of March into his speech at the opening of the session in New Jersey—It is whispered that the Assembly intend to propose some other terms of accommodation—opinions on the Governor's speech—since the affair at Lexington the Colonies have been in the utmost commotion—proceedings in New Jersey—the militia officers send their resignations—the paper money could not be sunk—the Assembly took notice of the extracts from his despatches, published in Almon's Parliamentary Register, and have entered it on their Minutes—encloses several printed and MS. papers. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 18 folios.

Enclosures. Pr. and MS., 100 folios.

[For proceedings of the Assembly, Governor's speech, &c., see Force's Amer. Arch. 4th Series, Vol. II. col. 589, &c.]

June 7. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—Every intelligence received from him will be kept secret—it is evident now that the appointment of the Delegates to the Congress could not have been prevented by any measures—received an unfavorable account of a conflict between the King's troops and some of the Provincials, but receiving no intelligence from Gen. Gage, no reliance can be placed upon the truth of it. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 4 folios.

July 4. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Intelligence of the movements of the Provincial troops in New Jersey and Philadelphia—sends Minutes of the Council and Journals of the Assembly. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 3 folios.

July 4. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—Gen. Gage's attempt at Concord had a fatal effect upon the mind of the people, and frustrated the object for which the Circular Letter of the 3d of March was sent to the Governor—no hope of a reconciliation—the King is firmly resolved to crush the rebellion—Gen. Gage and Admiral Graves have orders to exert the most vigorous efforts for suppressing the rebellion. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 6 folios.

July 5. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Major [Philip] Skene arrested in Philadelphia—Copies of the order of the Congress for the arrest of Maj. Skene—his letter to Gov'r Penn, and the Governor's answer transmitted. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 10 folios.

[Major Skene arrived in Philadelphia from London with some other officers on 7th June. He had been appointed Governor of the Forts at Ticonderoga and Crown Point. His papers were examined, and he sent a prisoner to Connecticut. On July 24th, 1776, Gen. Washington was authorized to consent to his exchange. See Journals of Congress from 1774 to 1788, Vol. I. ; Force's Amer. Arch., &c.]

July 12. Whitehall. Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to Gov'r Franklin—His speech to the Assembly of New Jersey on the 16th of May is highly approved—the Assembly felt the force of it, only withheld their concurrence from the fear of the consequences that would follow from the appearance of separating from the other Colonies—the notice which the Assembly has taken of the publication in the Parliamentary Register of one of his letters, is illiberal and unjust. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 4 folios.

Aug. 2. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—A formal Declaration has been published by Congress, and every preparation is made for carrying on war—sends a copy of that declaration, and a letter from Col. Coxe to Mr. Skinner—the latter shows the critical situation of the Government officers—the leaders of the people are aiming to establish a Republic. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 4 folios.

Sept. 1. Petition of the Congress to the King, signed by 48 members from the different Colonies—those of New Jersey were Wil. Livingston, John De Hart and Richard Smith—praying His Majesty to adopt measures of reconciliation—delivered to the Earl of Dartmouth by Messrs. Penn and Lee. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Orig'l. 25 folios.

Sept. 5. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Dart-

mouth to the several Governors in North America, directing them not to send to England any such ships as may be stationed within the limits of their respective Governments, with any despatches to England, unless such despatches are of the most pressing nature. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 2 folios.

[New York letter printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 634.]

Sept. 5. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—The despatch of the 7th of June came to him opened at the Post Office at New York—orders should be given to the Captains of the packets to deliver despatches to the Captain of the man-of-war stationed in New York—an account of the proceedings of the people—he is loth to desert his station, but it would mortify him extremely to be led like a "bear" through the country to some place of confinement in New England like Gov'r Skeene—the Government officers in New Jersey are not protected—the Provincial Congress at Trenton took upon them the entire command of the militia—no prospect of the salaries being paid to the King's officers. [See July 5.] S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177 Original. 17 folios.

Sept. 6. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Mr. Pownall, by order of the Earl of Dartmouth, to all the Governors in America, enclosing the King's Proclamation of the 23d of Aug., for suppressing rebellion and sedition. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 1 folio.

[Sept. 11. Commission to Joseph Stout, as Captain in the Jersey battalion, signed by John Hart. Original now (1858,) in the possession of Mr. C. B. Norton, New York.]

Sept. 20. Perth Amboy. Letter from Samuel Holland to Secretary Lord Dartmouth—Is ready to run the boundary line between New York and Massachusetts Bay—the general map waits only for M. Desbarre's surveys—has endeavored to survey the environs of Perth Amboy, but was obliged to desist sooner than he expected. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 261. Orig'l. 6 folios.

Oct. 1. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Mr. Pownall, by order of the Earl of Dartmouth, to Gov'rs Tryon, Franklin, Penn and Eden, desiring them to send their despatches through the Admiral, as the packet boats for America are discontinued. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 2 folios.

Oct. 3. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—The matters are now carried so far that unless some propositions should come from Great Britain, there seems little probability of a change of conduct among the people—suggests the expediency of his speech being published in England—suspects that his despatches were opened either in London, Falmouth, or some intermediate office—John Adams avowed that the letters published in

Draper's Mass. Gazette to Gen. Gage were his—Lord Stirling, (Mr. Alexander,) one of the Council of New Jersey, accepted a Colonel's Commission from the Provincial Congress—Samuel Smith, Esq., on account of his age and infirmities, has resigned his seat at the Board, but no gentleman as yet would consent to be nominated—the Courts are still open—the Council advised calling the Assembly on the 15th of next month, but there is a doubt if they will meet. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Orig'l. 15 folios.

Enclosing copies of the correspondence, &c., about the opening of the despatches. Aug., 1775. 40 folios.

Oct. 4. Whitehall. Letter from J. Pownall to Gov'r Franklin —Directing him to send his letters through the channels of the Admiral, by means of the small vessels under his command, as the regular packet boats are discontinued for the present. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 261. Draft. 2 folios.

Oct. 28. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to all the Governors in America, except Massachusetts Bay and North Carolina, enclosing the King's speech and the address, in order to convince the rebellious inhabitants of the Colonies of the firm resolution of every branch of the Legislature to maintain the dignity and authority of Parliament, as well as their desire at reconciliation. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 261. Draft. 2 folios.

[New York letter printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 642.]

Nov. 1. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Some of the despatches were miscarried—by order of the Continental Congress, two battalions are to be raised in New Jersey—unless the army under Schuyler or Washington be defeated, there seems every probability of the inhabitants following the Congress implicitly—sends some newspapers containing various intelligence—one Dr. Church arrested by Washington, and accused of acting as a spy in his camp—encloses copy of Dr. Church's letter to Major Kane at Boston, intercepted at Rhode Island, and delivered to Washington—the fate of transport from Boston to New York—the uncertainty of conveyance of letters prevents writing more particularly. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Original. 7 folios.

[For the letter and other proceedings, see Force's Amer. Arch., 4th Ser., Vol. III. col. 958, &c.]

Nov. 8. Whitehall. Circular Letter from the Earl of Dartmouth to the several Governors in North America, directing them to inform all the King's officers in their respective Governments, that they are at liberty to withdraw themselves from the Colony whenever their personal safety shall make it necessary for them so to do. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 261. Draft. 3 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts, Vol. VIII. p. 642.]

Nov. 10. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Lord George Germain to all the Governors, &c., in America, informing them of his being appointed Secretary of State, and directing that their despatches for the future be addressed to him. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 2 folios.

Dec. 3. Burlington. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Transmits copies of his Speech at the opening of the session, the Council and Assembly's Addresses and his Answer; also a Message to them on the support of Government, and a proclamation for suppressing rebellion and sedition, &c., which will give an idea of the present state of affairs. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. Original. 2 folios.

[For Proceedings of Council and Assembly, see Force's American Archives, 4th series, Vol. III. cols. 1849–1876.]

Dec. 12. Report of R. Jackson on nine Acts passed by the Governor, Council and Assembly of New Jersey, in Feb., 1775. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 38. Original. 10 folios.

Dec. 23. Whitehall. Letter from Lord George Germain to Gov'r Franklin—The King is very much concerned that the people of New Jersey have submitted to the Congress—the King approves of his conduct, and relies upon his fidelity. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 177. Draft. 2 folios.

Dec. 23. Whitehall. Circular Letter from Lord George Germain to all the Governors in America, except Connecticut and Rhode Island—Enclosing an Act of Parliament appointing Commission to enquire into the state of the Colonies, in order to restore tranquillity, and to establish a permanent union with the mother country. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 261. Draft. 3 folios.

[Printed in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. VIII. p. 648.]

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[—— Perth Amboy? Draft of a pledge for the signature of Royalists, written in a feigned hand—Arms to be provided, and they to hold themselves in readiness three times a week for instruction in their use, to enable them "the better to defend our constitutional rights, maintain the laws, support the magistrates, and protect ourselves and fellow-subjects from violence and injury"—allegiance to King George the Third to be faithfully borne, &c. Whitehead MSS.]

Jan. 5. Perth Amboy. Secret and confidential letter from Governor Franklin to the Earl of Dartmouth—Several petitions presented to the Assembly to discourage any attempt to promote an independency of Great Britain—majority of people in New Jersey and Pennsylvania averse to it—danger seems to be that the design will be carried by degrees—Assembly granted the usual support to Government, but they evaded complying with His Majesty's requisi-

tion—their intention to petition the King on the present unhappy disputes prevented by a Committee of the General Congress at Philadelphia—has reason to believe that some of the Council are strongly inclined to favor the measures of Congress—two Judges and one Justice of the Peace have been seized for refusing to sign associations, and speaking against proceedings of Congress—William Stirling, commonly called Earl of Stirling, he has suspended from the Council—generally believed that Congress will have assistance from France, if not from Spain—French fleet expected in the St. Lawrence, and French troops have already arrived in the West Indies—the Tories (as they are called) in Sussex County have furnished themselves with arms—two of the New Jersey Delegates to Congress have resigned their seats, &c. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. 26 folios.

[For the Correspondence between Gov'r Franklin and Lord Stirling, see Force's American Archives, 4th series, Vol. III. col. 656–659—Princeton Review, July, 1847.]

Jan. 5. Enclosures with foregoing. Copy of the resignation of Mr. de Hart, Delegate to the Continental Congress—Resolutions of Congress: Copy of an oath imposed on the inhabitants of Newport, Rhode Island, by Gen'l Lee—An Act for restraining and punishing persons who are inimical to the liberties of Connecticut and the rest of the United Colonies—Notes of what Mr. Dickinson said before the House of Assembly of New Jersey—Articles of Confederation and perpetual Union entered into by the Delegates of the several Colonies of New Hampshire, &c., in General Congress—Message from the House of Assembly to the Governor. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. 7 Papers. Copies. 67 folios (about.)

Jan. 8. Perth Amboy. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secretary Lord Dartmouth—That Lieut.-Col. Wm. Winds, with a party of Provincials, surrounded his house at two o'clock in the morning, and presented his servant with a letter demanding that on account of his letters, that were intercepted, having been sent to the Continental Congress, he was to give his word and honor that he would not leave the Province till the issue were known—his reply, that he did not intend to do so—Mr. Skinner's house was also invested, but he had previously escaped, and believes he is safe on board one of the King's ships at New York—Lord Stirling alone is to blame for these transactions, who seized his despatch of the 5th instant—finds it is conjectured the Congress will order him to be seized and sent to the interior of the country, so that he may not have any opportunity of transmitting any further intelligence to His Lordship—whatever may happen will not swerve him in the least from his loyalty. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. Original. 10 folios.

[See Force's American Archives, 4th series, Vol. IV. col. 621. Contributions to East Jersey History, p. 192.]

[Jan. 11 to Feb. 6. Feb. 27 to Mar. 2. June 21 to July 23.

Original Minutes of the Committee of Safety and New Jersey Provincial Congress. Whitehead MSS.

These Minutes were printed in 1776, and reprinted by order of the Legislature in 1835; but there are some portions omitted, which were not deemed originally of sufficient importance to be printed—and some other passages, which, after having been entered on the Minutes, were afterward erased—giving information frequently, which is not found in the printed copy.]

[Jan 24–31. Several Documents referring to capture of ship "Blue Mountain Valley," by Lord Stirling—Original, now (1858) in the possession of Mr. C. B. Norton, New York.

For particulars of capture, &c., see Force's American Archives, 4th series, Vol. IV. pp. 817, 837, 851, 987.]

[Jan. 27. Philadelphia. Letter from William Livingston—Relating to the fate of Lord Prescott and various other matters. Original, now (1858) in the possession of Mr. C. B. Norton, New York.]

[Feb. 9. Commission of Elias Dayton to be Colonel of third battalion of the New Jersey troops, signed by John Hancock, President of Congress. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Feb. 12. Document referring to the supply of arms to the Committee of Safety by the County of Gloucester, N. J., signed by Samuel Harrison, Chairman. Original, now (1858) in the possession of Mr. C. B. Norton, New York.]

Feb. 22. Report of R. Jackson on an "Act for the relief of Richard Stevens, with respect to the imprisonment of his person," passed by the Governor, Council and Assembly of New Jersey in September, 1772. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 39. Original. 2 folios.

[Feb. 24. Perth Amboy. Pledge of Jonathan Deare, 1st Major, Heathcote Johnston, Captain, Thomas Bunn, 1st Lieut., and John Thomson, 2d Lieut.—Officers in the 1st Regiment of Militia in the county of Middlesex, to observe and carry into execution the orders, resolves and recommendations of the Provincial Congress, and of their superior officers. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[March 5. Lord Stirling to the President of Provincial Congress of New Jersey, relative to the Royalists, and the assistance rendered by them to the enemy. Original, now (1858) in the possession of Mr. C. B. Norton, New York.]

[March 15 & 29. Elizabethtown. Abraham Clark to Committee of Safety—Relative to a resolution of Provincial Congress calling for arms to equip a battalion intended for Canada—(passed Feb. 2, 1776)—"If all the Congresses upon the Continent required us to disarm ourselves at present, unless we are deemed dangerous to liberty, I would not obey." Original, now (1858) in the possession of Mr. C. B. Norton, New York.]

[March 17. Lord Stirling to the New Jersey Committee of Safety—Relating to the necessity for suspending the operation of the civil law during the campaign. Original, now (1858) in the possession of Mr. C. B. Norton, New York.]

March 27. Perth Amboy. Letter from Governor Franklin to Secretary Lord George Germain—Has received his despatch of the 10th Nov., complimentary on his appointment—will address future despatches to His Lordship. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. Original. 2 folios.

March 28. Perth Amboy. Letter from Governor Franklin to Secretary Lord George Germain—A full account of being seized prisoner in his own house, by Lord Stirling's orders, with the intention of conveying him to Elizabethtown, which was however prevented by the interference of the Chief Justice, who went to Lord Stirling—the proceedings, as he has heard, have been disapproved of by the Continental Congress—remarks on same—regrets the absence of Mr. Cortlandt Skinner, the Attorney General and Speaker of the Assembly, on board a man-of-war with Governor Tryon, whose services would, as always, have been of great assistance—he has left a wife and thirteen children depending on him for support—recommends his case to the King—anticipates some difference with the Council at their next meeting—has been told that a majority of the Provincial Congress which lately met at Brunswick, appeared inclined to adopt an independency—encloses printed pamphlets and newspapers, with articles touching the seizing the Commissioners immediately on their arrival—fears their labours will be comparatively useless—many represent "reconciliation and ruin as nearly related"—encloses public papers. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. Original. 35 folios.

[See Contributions to East Jersey History, pp. 193, 105, 106. Force's American Archives, 4th series, Vol. IV. col. 627.]

[March 30. Perth Amboy. Requisition of Jonathan Deare, by order of the Committee of Safety and General Dickinson, upon Captain Heathcote Johnston for four men, the number to be drafted from his company towards the 100 men ordered from Middlesex county to New York—To be at Woodbridge the following Wednesday—certificate of Capt. Johnston attached, that the order had been complied with. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[March 31. Freehold. George Taylor to President of Congress—Relating to his taking command of a battalion of troops, if used as a coast guard. Original, now (1858) in the possession of Mr. C. B. Norton, New York.]

[April 5. Return of pay and subsistence due Captain Henry Waddle's Company of Grenadiers in 1st battalion N. Jersey Militia, commanded by Major Thomas Seabrook, from the time they began their march. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

April 25. S. James'. Order in Council approving the draft of a Commission for the Lord High Admiral of England to proceed upon all seizures, &c., of all ships and goods taken from the Colony of New Jersey and the other Colonies in rebellion. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 108, C. Original. 15 folios.

April 25. St. James'. Order in Council approving the draft of instructions (enclosed) for the Commanders of His Majesty's ships and vessels of war, with respect to the seizing ships and vessels belonging to the Colony of New Jersey, and others therein named during the continuance of the Rebellion. S P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 108, C. Orig'l. 20 folios.

[—— Documents presented to N. J. Provincial Congress, being most of the original memorials and papers referred to in the printed proceedings of that body. Originals. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Another collection of these documents are now (1858) in the possession of Mr. C. B. Norton, New York, for sale.]

[May 3. Hillsborough. Report of proceedings relative to the formation of a regiment of militia in Hillsborough—Signatures of John Baptist Dumont, and Peter D. Vroom. Original, now (1858) in the possession of Mr. C. B. Norton, New York.]

[May 9. New York. Adjutant Gen'l Horatio Gates to Col. Elias Dayton—Directing him to proceed to join his regiment at Albany, and receive and obey the orders of Major Gen'l Schuyler. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[May 14. Saratoga. Major Gen'l Ph. Schuyler to Col. Dayton —Directing him to proceed to Johnstown, New York, and make prisoner of Sir John Johnson, &c. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Printed in "Proceedings" of the Society, Vol. V. p. 34; and in Force's American Archives, 4th series, Vol. VI. p. 642.]

[May 14. Saratoga. Major Gen'l Ph. Schuyler to Sir John Johnson—Informing him of the orders given Colonel Dayton, &c.,—(accompanying the foregoing.) Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Printed in "Proceedings" of the Society, Vol. V. p. 36; and see "Proceeding," Vol. II. p. 113, &c. See also Force's American Archives, 4th series, Vol. IV. pp. 642–644.]

May 17. Albany. Brig Gen'l John Sullivan to Col. Dayton—Orders on proceeding to Johnstown to arrest Col. John Johnson. (See May 14.) Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[For Col. Dayton's Report, see Force's American Archives, 4th series, Vol. IV. p. 644.]

[June 23. "A second letter from His Excellency Governor Franklin to the Hon. Council and House of Assembly." Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 23. Original draft of the Address to the inhabitants of N. Jersey, calling for 3300 volunteers to defend the city of New

York. In the possession now (1858) of Mr. C. B. Norton, New York.]

June 27. Affidavit of James Mason—Relative to the appearance at Ringwood, Morris County, of an emissary of the King, endeavoring to enlist men for the British forces, &c. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

His examination before John Jay and Gouverneur Morris on 20th June, is printed in Force's American Archives, 4th series, Vol. IV. p. 1155.]

[July 3. John Witherspoon to President of Congress—Expressing his surprise that Governor Franklin had not yet been carried further than Hackensack. Original, now (1858) in the possession of Mr. C. B. Norton, New York.]

[For particulars of Gov'r Franklin's arrest, see Contributions to East Jersey History, pp. 194–199. Capt. Kinney, who commanded the Escort having him in charge, was cited before the Provincial Congress to account for his "loitering on the way" to Connecticut.]

Aug. 5. Report of R. Jackson on eight Acts passed by the Governor, Council and Assembly of New Jersey, in December, 1775. S. P. O., B. T. New Jersey. Vol. 10, L. 40. Orig'l. 9 folios.

[—— (Sept.) Objections of New Jersey to the Confederation, presented to the Congress of the United States, signed by John Stevens, Vice President of Council, and John Hart, Speaker of Assembly. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Oct. 19. Fort Schuyler. Col. Elias Dayton to Gen'l Ph. Schuyler—Acknowledging the receipt of orders to expedite his march to Fort George—nearly 100 of his men "barefoot," and many of them almost naked—but believes they will march with cheerfulness. Original draft. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Oct. 21. Orders of Col. Edward Thomas to Samuel Hayes, Adjutant, to take the necessary steps to collect the fines, imposed by the Convention of the State, for refusing to do military duty when ordered by their superior officers—of Capt. Francis Post, Capt. Richard Van Riper, Capt. Henry King, and Capt Henry Garretse. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Oct. 25. Return of the Officers of Third New Jersey Regiment in service of U. States, with notes of their capacity, &c. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Nov. 4. Whitehall. Letter from Lord George Germain to the Governor of New Jersey—Enclosing the King's Speech at the opening of Parliament, and the Addresses of both Houses in answer thereto. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 262. Draft. 1 folio.

[Nov. 23. Burlington. Letter from Jonathan Deare, Clerk of Assembly, to John Johnston—Transmitting an Order of the House, that Mr. Johnston transmit the Loan Office money yet in his hands

(he being one of the signers) to Richard Smith, the Treasurer. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[Dec. 6. Philadelphia. Receipt from Abraham Clark for a large trunk and a box said to contain a considerable quantity of New Jersey Loan Office money, delivered to him by John Johnston, which he is to endeavour to keep in their then present state, until the Governor and Council, or Legislative Assembly of New Jersey, shall call for them. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[Dec. 25 & 31, 1776. Jan. 1, 1777. Brigade orders, Haddonfield. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1777.

[Jan. 6–8. Brigade orders, Morristown. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

—— (?) Petition of Thomas Bradbury Chandler, D. D., Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, New Jersey, and others, to the King—That in consideration of their eminent services to His Majesty, and that having, at considerable expense, discovered a tract of land on the waters of the Ohio, in the Province of Canada, the settlement of which must soon take place—pray His Majesty to grant them a mandamus for 100,000 acres of land in the said spot. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies.; Virginia, 271, B. Original. 7 folios.

March 26. St. James'. Order in Council approving the draft of instructions for the Commanders of private ships and vessels employed for the seizing, &c., all ships, vessels, goods, &c., of the Colonies in rebellion, including New Jersey. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 108, C. Original. 5 folios.

[April 16. Receipt of John Witherspoon for a legacy of one hundred and sixty-six dollars, left by Alexander Perriman, of Charleston, S. C., to the College of New Jersey. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Jan. 14. Report of Guard at Newark—Remington Parcel, Officer. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Jan. 18. Report of Guard at Newark—Edward Hedden, Officer. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Jan. 24. Message from Gov'r Livingston to the Legislature. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 10. Report of the Main Guard at Newark—Caleb Wheeler, jr., Captain. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Feb. 25. Haddonfield. Message from Gov'r Livingston to the Legislature. Copy. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Sept. 11. Notes on the Battle of Brandywine, from papers of Elias Dayton. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Oct. 4. Notes on the Battle of Germantown, and subsequent

movements, from papers of Elias Dayton. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Oct. 6. Return of third New Jersey regiment, commanded by Col. Elias Dayton, after battle of Germantown. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Nov. 18. A detail of the number of officers and privates in Gen. Newcomb's brigade, and where each company were stationed. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1778.

[Jan. 24. New Barbadoes. Isaac Van Giesen to Rev. Dirck Romeyn, at Marbletown (Marblehead?) Sending him £25 18*s.*, collected in the congregation for his use, and informing him that £5 5*s.* more were in his hands—Regretting his absence, but anxious for his safety, could not expect his continuance with them while affairs were in such a precarious state—it would be a severe stroke to them to hear of his connecting himself with any other congregation —not a single "regular" or "green coat" (British or Hessian soldier) had been there since he had left. (The Rev. Mr. Romeyn did return before May, 1779.) Original, in the handwriting of Peter Wilson, who added a postscript from himself. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Oct. 13. Acquackanonk. Gen. Lord Stirling to Col. Elias Dayton—The moving off of the British troops enables him to order Col. Dayton, with his two regiments, to march to Elizabethtown the next morning. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Nov. 10. New York. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secretary Lord George Germain—Arrived at New York on 31st Oct. from Connecticut, where he had been confined more than two years and four months—thought it a duty not to quit his post till the last extremity—his reasons for remaining—relates at some length how he was sent prisoner to Connecticut, where, to escape a gaol, he was obliged to give his parole—conduct of Gov'r Trumbull on the occasion—his subsequent close confinement in a gaol for eight months—the reasons for such treatment—Mrs. Franklin obliged to leave New Jersey on its being abandoned by the King's troops—her sad state of health induced him to write to Mr. Washington, requesting permission to visit her, was refused, and to complete his distress, soon after heard the account of her death, "who, it may be truly said, died of a broken heart"—other details concerning his imprisonment and the ill-usage he received—is in want of money for his present subsistence—solicits some relief and future provision—remarks on the exchange of prisoners—satisfaction at having been able *to preserve the public papers and records of New Jersey.* S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. Original. 60 folios.

[See "Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 201. The means taken by Gov. F. to preserve the public records led to their loss. The Minutes of Council and other documents are missing, and are presumed to have been among those he took with him.]

Nov. 12. New York. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secretary Lord George Germain—Giving some account of the present situation of affairs in America, and of the temper and disposition of the people, so far as they have come to his knowledge during his confinement; together with observations respecting same. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. Original. 40 folios.

Dec. 3. New York. Memorial of David Ogden, late of the Province of New Jersey, to the Lords of the Treasury—Stating his services as a Councillor and one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the said Province, where all his property, to the amount of several hundred pounds, was plundered by the Rebels, praying that their Lordships will grant him a salary to support the dignity of his station, or such other relief as their Lordships shall seem meet. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. Original. 7 folios.

N. B. A copy similar to the preceding, but dated New York, 1779, *May* 13, is in Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 271, D.

[See Sabine's Royalists, and Field's Provincial Courts.]

Dec. 20. New York. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secretary Lord George Germain—That Washington has not above three thousand five hundred men of his army with him at New Jersey—information with respect to that Province—proposes that a sudden attack should be made upon Washington—consequences of same—a general opinion that Commissioners should be appointed for the sole direction of all civil and political matters during the continuance of the rebellion—hears that a loan of five or six millions sterling has been negociated in Holland for the use of the Rebels, and that France has become security for the payment—a Spanish gentleman at Philadelphia, who, it is suspected, is entrusted with some secret commission from the Court of Spain—remarks on Willing, a prisoner at New York—and on the conduct of the Rebels towards the Loyalist prisoners. S. P. O. Am. &. W. Indies. Vol. 178. Original. 24 folios.

Dec. 21. New York. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secretary Lord George Germain—Transmitting a petition to the King from David Ogden, (see Dec. 3, 1778,) Councillor, and one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, whom he recommends as a proper object for his Majesty's bounty—also in favour of Wm. Bayard, formerly an inhabitant of New Jersey and New York, a great sufferer by the rebellion. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. Original. 4 folios.

1779.

[Jan. 12. Elizabethtown. Capt. Wm. Gifford to Col. Benj. Holme, of Salem—Thanking him for taking up some deserters from his regiment—the brigade quartered 1st, 3d, and part of 4th regiments at Elizabethtown—the other part of 4th at Spanktown, (now

Rahway)—2d regiment at Newark—their quarters excellent compared to what they were the winter before at Valley Forge. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

Jan. 22. Whitehall. Letter from Lord George Germain to Gov'r Franklin—Congratulations on his deliverance from his long and severe confinement in the hands of the Rebels—His Majesty fully persuaded of his zeal and attachment—the treasury has granted him £500 for his present use, and £500 per annum till he is restored to his Government—thanks for his valuable information—entirely agrees with him that the war should be carried on so as to make the Rebels feel their distresses—hopes an opportunity will occur for Sir H. Clinton to restore him to his position in the Jersies. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 7 folios.]

Jan. 23. Whitehall. Letter from Thos. de Grey, Jr., to Fred. Smyth, Esq., [Chief Justice of New Jersey]—His memorials and letter have been laid before Lord George Germain—impossible to compensate the Loyalists to the extent of their losses—the Treasury have ordered an allowance of £400 to be continued to him. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 3 folios.

Feb. 5. New York. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secretary Lord George Germain—Enclosing extract of a letter received from a gentleman of New Jersey, containing some intelligence of the present situation of affairs in that Province—at no time the Rebels so embarrassed and disheartened as at present—a number of refugees from New Jersey and adjacent parts have expressed a desire to embody themselves, and make depredations in the Rebel country—his remarks on same, and the steps taken in consequence. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. Original. 15 folios.

Feb. 11. Petition of Wm. Chandler, of Elizabethtown, New Jersey, to Secr. Lord George Germain—That on account of his loyalty and being son of the Rev. Dr. Chandler, was obliged to fly in Jan., 1776—that he returned in Dec. following, but on the Royal army evacuating Elizabethtown in Jan., 1777, was again obliged to fly—that Brig. Gen. Skinner granted him a warrant to be Captain in the New Jersey Volunteers in the April following—that he has not received any pay for two years, and prays his Lordship's recommendation to Sir Henry Clinton for a Captain's Commission in the New Jersey brigade. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 271, C. Original. 8 folios.

[Feb. 26. Trenton. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—Condition of the Continental currency—the amazing rise of prices, &c.,—"In our greatest distresses, and when the blackest clouds hung over our heads, we have found our resources in the Divine superintendence of our rising Empire; and there we would still place our hopes of better prospects"—the King's speech published—Paul

Jones in Holland refitting—"West Florida has, on the banks of the Miss., furnished laurels to adorn the brows of the Spanish forces, upwards of 500 British troops, besides negroes, having been taken there"—Lord Sandwich had put a period to his own wretched existence—business before the Legislature. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[PETER WILSON.—The materials for a biographical sketch of this eminently useful and prominent man in his day, have been collected by Mr. Archer Gifford, and it is hoped that the sketch will before long be given to the public. As a member of the Legislature, a reviser of the Statutes of the State, a teacher of youth, a citizen and a Christian, he was ever found faithful, active and efficient.]

[March 12. Commission of Elias Dayton as Colonel of the third regiment of New Jersey troops, in the army of the United States, to take rank from Feb. 9, 1776—signed by John Jay, President of Congress. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

April 12. Newport. Letter from James Clarke, Secr. to the Loyal Associated Refugees at Rhode Island, to Gov'r Franklin and others—With an account of their proceedings and the success attending same—also a second letter dated May 7. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. 2 Papers. Copy. 18 folios.

[May 11. Trenton. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn, New Barbadoes—Had just received the news of the destruction of Closter in Bergen County—the petition for assistance had been referred to a Committee, of which he was Chairman, and the necessary resolutions passed without unnecessary delay—but the forms obliged to be observed had retarded the departure of Col. Frelinghuysen until the day before. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Closter was taken on 10th May, and many of the inhabitants were carried off, after having their houses burnt, &c. See Gordon's New Jersey, p. 302—Howe's Hist. Collections, p. 76.]

[May 12. Trenton. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—Recommending the citizens of the County to petition the Congress, if they wished the "True Patriot's" scheme for diminishing the quantity of the currency to prevail—the inhabitants of Somerset had done so, but the House exceedingly averse to it—desires his views upon the militia tax—a law in contemplation to call in the old money of New Jersey Convention, and Loan Office money before next October. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

May 12. New York. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Lord George Germain—Has received his letter of 22d Jan.,—satisfaction of the loyalists that Great Britain has determined to prosecute the war with vigour—doings of the Refugees, who spread terror through the Rebel country—recommends the case of Daniel Coxe, one of the Council for New Jersey, who has memorialized his Lordship—encloses extract of a letter, intercepted, written by Mr. De Berdt, formerly Agent for New Jersey, on public matters. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. Original. 16 folios.

Nov. 4. Whitehall. Letter from (T. de Grey, Jr.,) to Fred. Smyth, Esq.,—As he is appointed one of the Council to aid and assist in the new Commission lately transmitted to Sir Henry Clinton, his presence at New York of essential service—trusts he will continue to remain there—his request for remuneration for expenses incurred touching the Gaspee schooner under consideration. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 178. Draft. 5 folios.

1780.

March 24. New York. Letter from F. Smyth (Chief Justice of New Jersey) to (W. Knox, Esq.)—His gratification at being appointed one of the Council to assist Sir Henry Clinton in the execution of his new Commission—will be happy in any way to aid the views and wishes of Government—has empowered Mr. Walpole, the banker, to receive £200 from the Treasury on his account. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 272. Original. 4 folios.

March 25. New York. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to W. Knox, Esq.,—Has received his Circular Letter of the 8th Oct., enclosing an answer to the French Declaration, which he proposes having published in the newspapers, and sent into the Rebel lines. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 272. Original. 2 folios.

April 5. Whitehall. Letter from Thomas de Grey, Jr., to Fred. Smyth, Esq.,—Has received Sir Henry Clinton's Certificate as having discontinued his salary—shall immediately procure the Treasury's Orders for paying him annually £400—six months due to him in January last. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 2 folios.

[June. Trenton. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—Passage of a resolution for rewarding those concerned in taking "John, the Regular"—and of a bill for the protection of the frontier—the times very critical—the prisoners (those taken at Closter) he hopes will soon be enlarged—the fate of Charleston—the Militia Bill reported. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 10. Trenton. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—One hundred and ninety-six men ordered to the defence of Bergen County—a Council of Safety he believes will be appointed—business crowding in upon them. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Aug. 21. Philadelphia. Rev. Dr. Andrew Hunter to Col. Elias Dayton—Prospects of obtaining money from the Treasury to pay the brigade uncertain—reports from the South, of the escape of about 1000 prisoners from Charleston. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

Rev. Dr. Hunter was a Chaplain in the American army, and married a daughter of Richard Stockton.—Field's Provincial Courts, p. 179.]

[Sept. 30. Trenton. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—Money wanted, and some bold stroke must be struck for that pur-

pose—Gen. Arnold's treason—"Infamous to the latest posterity is the conduct of a Traitor, even in the eyes of those who approve the Treason"—evident that America is under the protection of Divine Providence. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Nov. 11. Trenton. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—Referring to the embarrassments of the finances and distress of the army—wishes Mr. Romeyn's views thereon. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Nov. 18. Trenton. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—High prices of every thing—higher in Trenton than in Elizabethtown—rates of Continental money with new issue. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Nov. 22. Trenton—Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—A law passed for estimating the value of the Continental currency at the current exchange—the new money to pass as specie—result of an application for a pass for Dr. John Varick to have some goods brought to Bergen—Difficulties and embarrassments increasing daily—the want of money the universal cry—the subject of slave-keeping had been before the Legislature and been dismissed—had been again introduced, and would probably be referred to their constituents——complains of the fatigue, expense and pains incurred by him for the county—the people of Philadelphia had regulated the value of Continental money for themselves—encloses a piece of poetry said to be written by Lord Nugent. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Dec. 11. Trenton. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—A regiment expected to be raised for a year—120 men to be stationed in Bergen County—to have no bounty, and to be raised by voluntary enlistment—cannot obtain leave of absence—difficulties attending the purchasing of supplies—rum and sugar to be bought much cheaper in Bergen than in Trenton—had obtained a pass for J. Varick's medicines and clothes (see Nov. 22, 1780)—cautions against any abuse of the pass. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1781.

Feb. 20. New York. Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secretary Lord George Germain—Being in no official employ, has omitted writing to his Lordship, fearing his letters might be troublesome—gratitude to the King for his mark of favor in appointing him one of the Council to the Commissioners for restoring peace to the Colonies, and also nominating him one of the Board of Directors, for the purpose of associating and employing the Loyalists in N. America—assurances of his inviolable attachment to the King's service—about 5 or 600 Loyalists already associated, and encouraging accounts from the Rebel country respecting the effects of their printed Declaration, (a copy is enclosed,) particularly from Connecticut and New Jersey—difficulties of operation in concert so great, that they cannot

flatter themselves with successes proportionable to their endeavours. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 272. Orig'l. 11 folios. Two Printed Papers. 36 folios.

May 2. Whitehall. Letter from Lord George Germain to Gov'r Franklin—Has received his letter of 20th Feb., enclosing a printed copy of the Articles of the Associated Loyalists, and also of the Declaration of the Board of Directors—regrets that any false delicacy should have interrupted his correspondence, which is so interesting and useful—requests him to continue same—remarks on the Associated Loyalists, and on the alarm of the Rebels in consequence. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 6 folios.

[May 19, 20. Princeton. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn —Embarrassments arising from the state of the currency—Dr. Witherspoon accused of hurting the credit of the currency—an enquiry into his conduct thought of—a proposed plan for remedying the evils—the army in absolute want—meetings in various places for upholding the value of the Continental money—Thomas Hutchins, Geographer General, had presented the State with an elegant map of interior America, from Fort Pitt to the mouth of the Ohio —great stir of religion at Cohansey, in Cumberland County—horrid murders and robberies in several parts of the State had been discovered—Dominie Leydt's daughter an accessory. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[May 29. Princeton. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn— Wishes the sentiments of the people of Bergen to be communicated to the Legislature, in relation to the "Tender Act"—and that associations should be formed to support the laws. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[May 31. Princeton. Peter Wilson to the Rev. Dirck Romeyn —Account of a meeting among the Pennsylvania Sergeants, and its suppression—the repeal of the Tender Act likely to pass. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June — (Princeton?) Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn —Presumes Mr. R. feels relieved by the departure of the ruffian refugees from Fort Lee—position of the enemy's forces at the South —had been an engagement at Camden—events connected therewith —report of Lord North's having introduced a motion in Parliament declaring America independent—had moved and carried through the House a provision for the supply of the troops on the lines—a tax in hard money to be raised to pay the interest on the new money. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 12. Princeton. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn— The repeal of the "Tender Act" had passed the Assembly, and was then in the Council—had voted against it, believing it pregnant with many evils—his reasons at length—in favor of raising a hard money

tax to pay interest—supplies for the army raised in kind—many of the Counties had availed themselves of the "nothingness" of the Continental money to pay up their arrears of taxes—Mr. Morris, "Financier," purchasing flour and wheat in Somerset and Sussex—reports relative to the operations of the armies—(a very interesting letter upon the state of affairs at that time.) Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Sept. 21 to Nov. 1. Notes of Col. Dayton during the siege of Yorktown, Virginia. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Oct. Order of march at Yorktown. Original from Papers of Gen'l (then Col.) Dayton, among N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS., with a rough sketch of the works.]

Nov. 6. New York. Secret and Confidential Letter from Gov'r Franklin to Secr. Lord George Germain—The late surrender of Lord Cornwallis and the army under his command, to the French and Rebels, one of the most unfortunate events which could have happened—had he been timely relieved, or been able to extricate himself from the enemy, there were well-grounded assurances that there would be a speedy termination of the Rebellion—scarcely possible to give an idea of the surprising distress felt by all Loyalists at the 10th Article of Surrender—remarks thereon—his ideas of embarking for England strongly protested against by Sir H. Clinton—decided on remaining in consequence—his endeavours to pacify the Loyalists—remarks on the supposition that Washington may publish a Proclamation, inviting the Loyalists to return, and promising them protection and restitution of property—his views on the posture of affairs and opinions as to the course most proper to be pursued (of a most interesting nature.) S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 272. Original. 26 folios.

1782.

Jan. 2. Whitehall. Letter from Lord George Germain to Gov'r Franklin—Has received and laid before the King his secret and confidential letter of the 6th Nov.,—an enquiry is to be immediately made into the conduct of the Captain of the Bonetta—the alarm taken by the Loyal Refugees at the 10th Article of Lord Cornwallis's capitulation not to be wondered at—great satisfaction that he yielded to Sir H. Clinton's remonstrance and determined to remain—the King's anxiety to remove fears and restore confidence to his zealous subjects—what are the measures proper to adopt as most likely to procure peace it is not easy to determine—the country will expect some other mode more effectual than has been hitherto adopted. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 364. Entry. 9 folios.

☞ Jan. 6. New York. Copy of an Order sent by Sir H. Clinton to Lieut. Gen. Leslie and Lieut. Col. Clarke—Assuring His Majesty's Loyal subjects of every protection, and begging them to remove

from their minds every cause of apprehension—that every attention shall be paid to their security possible as to the troops under his command. S. P. O. Am. & W. Ind. Vol. 272. Copy. 2 folios.

Jan. 24. Head Quarters, New York. Letter from Sir Henry Clinton to His Excellency Gov'r Franklin, President of the Hon. Board of Directors—Enclosing copy of an Order which he has thought proper to send to Lieut. Gen. Leslie, which he begs may be communicated to the Hon. Board of Directors of Associated Loyalists. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 272. Copy. 2 folios.

Jan. 29. New York. Letter from Governor Franklin to Sir H. Clinton—Has received copy of his Order to Lieut. General Leslie—the assurances it contains affords great satisfaction to the Board of Directors of Associated Loyalists—has no doubt if they are generally promulgated, many ill consequences might be prevented, and much benefit result therefrom to His Majesty's service. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 272. Copy. 3 folios.

Feb. 26. New Jersey. Copy of intelligence from a gentleman of good character and credit in New Jersey—An insight into the motions of the Rebels in various parts, and suggestions for an expedition to Chesapeake, directed immediately against Baltimore, &c. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 272. Copy. 13 folios.

March 23. New York. Letter from Governor Franklin to Lord George Germain—Has received His Lordship's letter of 2d January—the King's gracious attention and assurances of his affection and regard for the Loyalists have had already the most beneficial effects—relation of his endeavours to calm their minds so much agitated, since Lord Cornwallis' surrender, and to induce Sir H. Clinton to publish something for their encouragement—encloses depositions respecting the treatment of Lieut. Jackson and others, by Captain Dundas, of the Bonetta. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 272. Original. 16 folios. 3 Enclosures. 22 folios.

May 10. New York. Letter from Governor Franklin to Secretary the Earl of Shelburne—Has received his Lordship's letter of 30th March—nothing particular to communicate respecting the Board of Directors of Associated Loyalists, as their operations are at present suspended by an order from the Commander-in-Chief—a general inclination prevails for an accommodation with Great Britain, even in those who have hitherto been active in the cause of Rebellion, partly from a suspicion of the sinister designs of the French Cabinet—his opinion of the course to be adopted—the generality of the people ardently wish for peace. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 272. Original. 11 folios.

June 5. Whitehall. Letter from Secretary the Earl of Shelburne to Governor Franklin—Has received his letter of 23d March, which he has laid before the King—refers him for an answer to the

several points therein contained to Sir Guy Carleton, who is fully instructed of His Majesty's mind, and will communicate his orders to him, so far as they relate to the interests of the Associated Loyalists. S. P. O. Am. & W. Indies. Vol. 272. Draft. 2 folios.

[June 15. Trenton. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—Several items of news—had not yet reported the bill preventing illicit trade—suffering much anxiety of mind in consequence of the condition of his wife—"The Governor cruelly denies me a new pass for my wife, tho' I believe the one she has will do, if she is able to go, and you could procure permission for her from Gov'r Clinton—it would be an inestimable favor." Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[June 22. "Head-Quarters." General Washington to Col. Elias Dayton, in answer to a letter relating to the imprisonment of Capt. Asgill—Wishes that every indulgence may be accorded to him not inconsistent with his security—had expressed his willingness that any application the prisoner might think proper, might be made to the British Commander-in-Chief—but had desired it to be announced that he would receive no application, nor answer any letter on the subject, which did not inform him that ample satisfaction was made for the death of Captain Huddy—presumes Col. Dayton was not informed of that circumstance. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Captain Asgill was captured at Yorktown, and was designated, "by lot," as the officer to suffer death, in retaliation for an outrage committed on Captain Joshua Huddy, under the immediate orders of Lippincott, a captain in the British service—the British Commander refusing to deliver up Lippincott on the demand of Gen'l Washington. The youth of the young officer, (he was only nineteen,) his high birth and noble qualities, excited the liveliest interest in both armies. After being kept in confinement for nearly seven months, Congress, on 7th November, 1782, directed the Commander-in-Chief to set him at liberty. For all the circumstances connected with the murder of Huddy—for letters of Lady Asgill to the Count de Vergennes, &c., see Doct. 227 of House of Representatives, 24th Congress, 2d session, Feb. 14, 1837.]

[July? Col. Elias Dayton to Capt. Asgill—Announcing to him the ill success of an application to Gen'l Washington—(see June 22, 1782.) Original draft. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[July 10, 1782. Beverwyck. Wm. S. Livingston to Col. Aaron Burr—Congratulating him on his marriage with the "amiable Mrs. Provost"—"May Love be the time-piece in your mansion, and Happiness its minute hand." Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[July 27. Yorktown, Penn'a. Captain Henry Greville, of the Guards, to Col. Elias Dayton—Enclosing to him a letter for his particular friend Captain Asgill—(see June 22, 1782.) Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Sept. 5. Chatham. Captain Charles Asgill to Col. Elias Dayton, at King's Ferry—Thanking him for his attention in relation to his request to be permitted to embark for Europe—the request preferred under the supposition that, from having been admitted to

parole, the idea of retaliating upon him for the murder of Captain Huddy, had been abandoned—asks for the continued intercession of Col. Dayton—"I fear if, at a future time, the decision proves favorable, it will probably be too late to render comfort either to me or my aged father"—(see June 22.) Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS., and a duplicate under date of Sept. 6.]

[Sept. 12. Chatham. Capt. Charles Asgill to Col. Elias Dayton—Asking him to renew his attempt to obtain permission for him to return to England on parole—(see Sept. 5 and June 22.) Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1783.

[Jan. 8. Commission of Elias Dayton as Brigadier General in the Army of the United States, signed by Elias Boudinot, President of Congress. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[July 19. Baron Steuben to Brigadier Gen'l Dayton—Answer to the Addresses of the Officers of the New Jersey line at the close of the Revolution. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Printed in the "Proceedings" of the Society, Vol. V. p. 14.]

1784.

[June 1784, to July, 1785. Naval Officers' register of fees, &c., port of Perth Amboy. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Oct. 6–7. Account of the proceedings "at a Convention of Clergymen and Lay Deputies of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, held in New York"—Small printed broadside, recommending the principles of ecclesiastical union—see Bishop White's Memoirs of the Prot. Epis. Church, p. 65—("the short printed account of the proceedings at the meeting was in very few hands at the time," says Bishop White.) Whitehead MSS.]

1785.

[Jan. 17. New Barbadoes. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn, at Schenectady—Particulars respecting various congregations in the Dutch Reformed Connection—State news—the Assembly had passed a law for calling in a part of the State money, £30,000, at three for one—"by this, and some other measures equally wise and politic, they have totally ruined the credit of the State—local news—the estate of John Zabriskie to be sold for specie, and the interest paid annually to Baron Steuben during life"—his (Wilson's) school very large. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[April 16. Perth Amboy. Petition from the Churchwardens and Vestrymen of St. Peter's Church to the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division, for assistance in repairing their Church and Parsonage house, which had been much injured by the "devastation of the British troops." Original. Whitehead MSS.]

One hundred acres of land were granted in consequence of this petition and subsequently sold by the Vestry.]

1786.

[Feb. 11. New Barbadoes. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn, Schenectady—Local news—Daniel Freligh to be called again—Dom. Hardenburgh going to New Brunswick, Major Dey, Wm. Provoost, Mrs. Vanallan, &c. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Feb. 24. London. Letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury and seventeen other English Prelates to the Clerical and Lay Deputies of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States—The answer to an Address from the Convention which assembled in Philadelphia, October, 1785, expressing their desire to promote the spiritual welfare of the Church in America, and to be instrumental in perfecting its organization, &c. Contemporaneous copy. Whitehead MSS.

Printed in White's Memoirs of P. E. Church, p. 354.]

[May 1. Middle Temple. Chain of title to the Proprietary rights in East Jersey of Thomas Hart, one of the twenty-four Proprietors, submitted to Peter Bond for his opinion upon certain points, and his written answer. Original. Whitehead MSS.

See September 2, 1766, and May 24, 1729.]

[May 19. The Memorial of the State Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New Jersey to the General Convention, to be held at Philadelphia on 20th June—Stating wherein they approved or disapproved of the action of the previous General Convention. Contemporaneous copy. Whitehead MSS.

Printed in White's Memoirs P. E. Church, p. 367.]

[May 25. Memorial of Rev. Uzal Ogden and Patrick Dennis, members of the New Jersey Prot. Epis. Convention, to the General Convention in Philadelphia, to be held in June—Dissenting from the views presented in the Memorial adopted by the Convention for presentation (see May 19)—and giving their views in relation to the proposed ecclesiastical organization and prayer book, of which they approve. Contemporaneous copy. Whitehead MSS.]

[June 3. New York. Rev. Abm. Beach to James Parker, at Perth Amboy—Encloses him a copy of the Memorial from the State Convention of the Prot. Epis. Church to the General Convention—(see May 19)—Rev. Mr. Ogden confident that the New Jersey Delegates will not be received "on account of their audacity in daring to hesitate with respect to receiving the new Prayer Book"—the New York Convention had done nothing—four of the Lay Delegates from New Jersey must attend the Convention. Original. Whitehead MSS.]

[June 6. James Parker to Rev. Abm. Beach—His course in the State Convention, relative to the action of the General Convention of the Prot. Epis. Church, had been misrepresented by Rev.

Mr. Ogden to his prejudice—politically accused of being under the direction of Dr. Chandler, &c. Original draft. Whitehead MSS.]

[June 11. Perth Amboy. James Parker to John de Hart, Elizabethtown—What they had done in the Prot. Epis. Convention had had a considerable influence on the politics of the State, and although it had operated against him, was never better pleased with any transaction of his life—accused of having absolutely refused the observance of 4th July, and of being under the dictation of Dr. Chandler—his course, however, had been fully justified, and he had been elected Mayor of Amboy, notwithstanding the hostility shown to him. Original draft. Whitehead MSS.]

[See White's Memoirs P. E. Church, pp. 105–106.]

[June. Draft of a letter to the English Bishops, by Rev. Dr. William Smith, in answer to their communication of Feb. 24th—Prepared for adoption by the General Convention, but not accepted by that body. Contemporaneous copy. Whitehead MSS.]

See Bishop White's Memoirs of Prot. Epis. Church, pp. 125, 130. The Hon. John Jay thought this draft too submissive, and another was adopted, which is printed in Bishop W.'s Memoirs, p. 360.]

1788.

[—— Draft of a letter from James Parker to a gentleman in England, upon the state of public affairs in New Jersey. Whitehead MSS.]

1790.

[Oct. 12. List of the fortunate numbers in the Perth Amboy Church Lottery, drawn on the 6th to the 9th October, "under the inspection of the Mayor, Recorder and Aldermen of the city." Original printed broadside. Whitehead MSS.]

1791.

[Nov. 2. A comparative view of the present and proposed rates of fare for crossing the Raritan River at New Brunswick, presented to the Legislature by James Parker prior to the erection of a bridge—having reference to local controversy as to the location of the bridge. Original printed broadside. Whitehead MSS.]

1792.

[(April 13?) Columbia College. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—Would make enquiries after riding chairs—Mr. Stevenson established at Morristown (as a teacher)—had £125 proc. assured to him—not likely to leave there—death of Dr. Myer—Mr. Blauvelt, reports circulated to his prejudice—books read at College—lands in Bergen County, within five miles of New York, can be got for five or ten shillings per acre—one acre of which would, when formed into a garden, yield as much annual profit as fifty acres, twenty miles distance from Schenectady, for which thirty-two shillings per acre was asked. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[April 14. Columbia College. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—Had been in search for a second-hand chair (one-horse vehicle) for Mr. R.—advises him to get a new one—would cost about £32—either Mr. Jacob Sickles or Mr. Cornelius Brower, would wish to engage with Mr. R., and study divinity—Mr. Stevenson had refused the Academy at Newark, and they were building one at Morristown, where Mr. S. was highly approved—intended leaving the College after Commencement—going to Flatbush—remarks upon the character of several students—Dr. Romeyn had seceded from the College, and with between forty and fifty students would attach himself to Brunswick—"the speculators gone in one universal crash, and the city in a violent ferment—Duer, Macomb, Walter Livingston, &c., &c." Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Mr. Stevenson did not obtain the Academy at Morristown. See Proceedings N. J. Hist. Society, Vol. VIII. page 23. Mr. Caleb Russell was the principal Instructor.]

1793.

[June 5. Commission of Elias Dayton as Major General of the Second Division of the Militia of New Jersey, from Richard Howell, Governor. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[Sept. 4. Flatbush. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—Estimate of Dr. M.'s method of instruction—not approved of—character of the studies pursued by his own pupils—constantly engaged with a prospect of a considerable degree of usefulness. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1794.

[Dec. 22. Division and Brigade orders of Gov'r Howell and General Bloomfield, on the return of the New Jersey troops from the expedition into Pennsylvania. Printed broadside. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1796.

[Nov. 17. Erasmus Hall. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—Declining to entertain a proposition for a removal to Schenectady. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1798.

[May 11. Columbia College. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—Had been honored with the degree of Doctor of Laws from Union College—his surprise thereat, and comments thereon. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[July 10. Voluntary Association of people of Newark to observe the Sabbath, signed by eighty five heads of families. Orig'l. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

1799.

[Jan. 18. Columbia College. Peter Wilson to Rev. Dirck Romeyn—Giving his reasons for declining the Presidency of Union

College as the successor of Dr. Smith. Original. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.]

[—— Freehold. Letter from Dr. Thomas Henderson to Elias Boudinot—Giving particulars respecting the life of Rev. Wm. Tennent. Original draft. N. J. Hist. Soc. MSS.

The substance of this communication incorporated by Dr. Boudinot in his published Life of Tennent].

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

List of the Minutes of Council of the Province of New Jersey, deposited in Her Majesty's State Paper Office, London. Received from Mr. Henry Stevens.

1681, Oct. 19, to Nov. 2,*	35	folios.
1703, Aug. 14, to 25,	15	"
1708, Dec. 20, to 1709, April 4,	62	"
1709, May 26, to 1709–10, Jan. 31,	470	"
1710, Dec. 6, to 1710–11, Feb. 10,	300	"
1711, July 6, to 16,	19	"
1713, Nov. 30, to 1714, April 17,	250	"
1714, April 17, to 1718, April 12,	270	"
1715, Nov. 7, to 1716, June 2.		

In the two last sections, the Minutes copied in one, do not agree with the Minutes in the other; some meetings even are entirely left out in one, while they are reported in the other.

1716, Nov. 27, to 1716–17, Jan. 26,	120	"

The above remark is equally applicable to this section.

1718–19, Jan. 13, to 1719, March 28,	175	"
1719, Aug. 8, to Nov. 17,	80	"
1720, April 2, to 1721, July 4,	240	"
1721–22, March 7, to 1722, May 5,	110	"
1722, Nov. 14, to 1724, Oct. 24,	150	"
1724, April 20, to 1725, Aug. 23,	150	"
1726, April 30, to 1727–28, Feb. 10,	360	"
1728, April 24, to 1728–29, Jan. 20,	40	"
1729, Sept. 1, to 1730, July 15,	170	"
1731, July 7, to 1732, Aug. 7,	80	"
1732, Aug. 7, to 1735, Aug. 22,	160	"
1735–36, March 16, to 1736, Oct. 29,	100	"
1737, May 2, to 1738, June 24,	40	"
1739, Aug. 17, to Dec. 29,	80	"
1740, March 26, to Aug. 8,	90	"
1740, Dec. 31, to 1741, May 2,	75	"
1741, July 1, to 1743, May 24,	40	"
1746, June 4, to Nov. 1,	80	"
1746, Dec. 8, to 1747, May 11,	60	"

* Printed at length in N. Y. Col. Docts., Vol. II. pp. 293 300; an see East Jersey, &c., p. 192.

1747–48, Feb. 12, to 1749, Oct. 20,	160	folios.
1749, Oct. 4, to Oct. 20,	60	"
1749–50, Feb. 16, to March 1,	110	"
1751, Sept. 18, to Oct. 23,	15	"
1752, Feb. 7, to Feb. 12,	20	"
1752, April 24, to May 11,	60	"
1752, Nov. 21 and 22,	13	"
1753, June 7 and 8,	14	"
1754, Feb. 7 and 21,	90	"
1754, April 23 to 30,	20	"
1754, Nov. 22 and 23,	50	"
1755, Jan. 22, to March 4,	35	"
1755, Aug. 9 to 21,	50	"
1755, Dec. 2 and 3,	35	"
1756, Feb. 24,	8	"
1756, July 23 to 27,	16	"
1756, Aug. 5, to 1758, June 17,	118	"
1756, Sept. 25,	2	"
1756, Nov. 27,	7	"
1757, Jan. 13,	20	"
1757, March 1, to July 25,	23	"
1757, March 31, (not in the former section)	7	"
1758, July 28, to Aug. 21,	35	"
1759, Jan. 12, to March 19,	40	"
1761, March 17, to 1762, June 5,	140	"
1762, May 22, to 1763, Feb. 24	60	"
1763, June 4,	7	'
1764, Feb. 20 and 23,	15	"
1765, May 22, to June 20,	32	"
1767, Aug. 21, to Nov. 26,	36	"
1768, Feb. 22, to July 26,	94	"
1769, Feb. 21, to Dec. 6,	130	"
1770, March 20, to Oct. 27,	380	"
1771, Oct. 20, to Dec. 21,	70	"
1772, Feb. 21, to Sept. 26,	90	"
1773, Feb. 22, to 1774, March 31,	180	"
1775, Jan. 12, to May 20,	90	"

List of the Minutes of Council in Assembly, of the Province of New Jersey, deposited in her Majesty's State Paper Office, London. Received from Mr. Stevens.

1738, Oct. 26, to 1738–39, March 15,	360	folios.
1740, April 10, to July 31,	200	"
1741, Oct. 2, to Nov. 4,	110	"
1742, Oct. 16, to Nov. 25,	150	"

1743, Oct. 10, to Dec. 10,	200	folios.
1744, June 22 to Dec. 8,	200	"
1745, April 5 to Oct. 18,	220	"
1746, June 11, to Nov. 1,	60	"
1747, May 6, to May 9,	8	"
1747, Aug. 20, to Feb. 18, 1747–48,	570	"
1748–49, Feb. 21, to 1749, March 28,	200	"
1748, Nov. 10, to Dec. 15,	260	"
1748, Nov. 24, to Dec. 15, (about the Riots)	200	"
1748–49, March 22, to 1750–51, Feb. 22, do.,	140	"
1749, Sept. 28, to Oct. 20,	200	"
1749, Oct. 3, to Oct. 20,	180	"
1749–50, Feb. 14 to 27,	70	"
1750–51, Jan. 28, to Feb. 22,	130	"
1751, May 21, to June 7,	70	"
1751, Sept. 16, to Oct. 23,	160	"
1752, Jan. 28, to Feb. 12,	60	"
1752, Dec. 14, to 22,	35	"
1753, May 23, to June 8,	140	"
1754, June 5, to 21,	100	"
1754, Oct. 1, to 21,	60	"
1755, Feb. 24, to March 3,	27	"
1755, Aug. 1, to 20,	90	"
1755, Nov. 12 to 14,	15	"
1755, Dec. 16 to 24,	50	"
1756, March 9, to 16,	33	"
1756, May 20, to June 30,	90	"
1756, July 23, to 27,	30	"
1756, Oct. 12, to 15,	21	"
1756, Dec. 17, to 24,	12	"
1757, March 11, to 23,	36	"
1757, May 24, to June 3,	35	"
1757, Aug. 19, to 1758, April 17,	160	"
1758, July 25, to Aug. 12,	90	"
1759, March 6, to 16,	64	"
1761, March 26, to April 7,	32	"
1761, Nov. 30, to 1762, April 28,	140	"
1762, Sept. 14, to 25,	53	"
1763, May 26, to June 3,	54	"
1764, Feb. 14, to 23,	48	"
1765, May 21, to June 20,	240	"
1768, April 12, to May 10,	170	"
1769, Oct. 11, to Dec. 6,	300	"
1770, Sept. 26, to Oct. 27,	50	"
1771, Nov. 20, to Dec. 21,	90	"
1772, Aug. 19, to Sept. 26,	200	"
1773, Nov. 10, to 1774, March 11,	400	"
1775, Jan. 11, to Feb. 13,	120	"
1775, May 15, to 20,	24	"

LIST OF THE JOURNALS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROVINCE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPOSITED IN HER MAJESTY'S STATE PAPER OFFICE, LONDON. RECEIVED FROM MR. STEVENS.

Manuscripts.

1703, Nov. 10, to Dec. 13,	100	folios
1704, Sept. 1, to 28,	75	"
1704, Nov. 13, to Dec. 12,	110	"
1705, Oct. 15, to Nov. 8,	40	"
1707, April 5, to Oct. 31,	460	"
1709, May 25, to June 30,	144	"
1709, Nov. 21, to 1709–10, Jan. 31,	300	"
1716, Nov. 27, to 1716–17, Jan. 26,	250	"
1718, April 8, to 1719, March 28,	350	"
1721–22, March 7, to 1722, May 5,	180	"
1728, Dec. 12, to 1728–29, Jan. 14,	50	"

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1761, March 27, to 1765, Nov. 30,	2500	"
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APPENDIX B.

Catalogue of Books, Pamphlets, and other Publications referring in whole, or in part, to New Jersey during the Colonial Period, exclusive of the Public Documents of the State.

*** This Catalogue might have been extended by the insertion of the titles of a number of controversial pamphlets, sermons, and other publications connected with events of a temporary or limited interest, as well as of Journals of Travellers; but it is believed that all of any importance are enumerated. There are, of course, matters referred to in the Legislative Journals, Colonial Records, and Historical Society Collections of both New York and Pennsylvania, which have special relation to New Jersey; the New York Documents in particular, as will be seen by the many references in these pages, are exceedingly valuable. The newspapers of the times constitute a mine of historical wealth that can always be worked to advantage, and other, usual sources of information, it was not thought necessary to specify more particularly. There are some few works in the list relating to events of the present century, which it was thought advisable to insert for their rarity or intrinsic importance.

1648.

A Description of the Province of New Albion, and a Direction for Adventurers with small stock to get two for one, and good land freely: And for Gentlemen, and all Servants, Labourers and Artificers, to live plentifully. And a former Description reprinted of the healthiest, pleasantest, and richest Plantation of *New Albion*, in North *Virginia*, proved by thirteen witnesses. Together with a Letter from Master Robert Evelin, that lived there many years, shewing the particularities and excellency thereof. *With a briefe of the charge of victuall, and necessaries* to transport and buy stock for each Planter, or Labourer, there to get his Master £50 *per annum*, or more in twelve trades, at £10 charges only a man. Printed in the year 1648. Quarto. *Reprinted in Force's Historical Tracts, Vol. II. Washington*, 1838.

1670.

A Brief Description of New York, formerly called New Netherlands, With the places thereunto adjoining. Together with the manner of its scituation, fertility of the soyle, healthfulnesse of the climate, and the commodities thence produced. Also some directions and advice to such as shall go thither; an account of what commodities they shall take with them; the profit and pleasure that may accrue to them thereby. Likewise a brief Relation of the customs of the Indians there. By Daniel Denton. London. Small 4to. *Reprinted by Pennsylvania Historical Society*, 1845. 8vo. *pp.* 16.

1675

John Fenwicke's Proposal for planting his Colony of New

Cæsarea or New Jersey. Folio. Single leaf. London, 1675. *A copy offered for sale in London in* 1853.

1682.

A Brief Account by the Province of East Jersey, in America, Published by the present Proprietors, for information of all such persons who are, or may be inclined to settle themselves, families and servants in that country. London, 1682. Quarto, pp. 8. *Reprinted in Smith's History of New Jersey, p.* 539 *; and in East Jersey under the Proprietary Governments, p.* 207.

Proposals of the Proprietors of East Jersey, in America, for the Building of a town on Ambo Point, and for the disposition of lands in that Province; and also for encouragement of artificers and labourers that shall transport themselves thither out of England, Scotland, and Ireland. London, 1682. Quarto, pp. 8. *Reprinted in Smith's History of New Jersey, p.* 543, *in East Jersey under the Proprietary Governments ; and in Contributions to the Early History of Perth Amboy, &c.*

1683.

A Brief Account of the Province of East New Jersey, in America, published by the Scots Proprietors having interest there, for the information of such as may have a desire to transport themselves or their families thither. Wherein the nature and advantage of, and interest in a Foreign Plantation to this country, is demonstrated. Edinburgh, 1683. Quarto, pp. 15. *In Rich's Catalogue of American Books,* 1832. *Presumed to be the same as put forth by the English Proprietors in* 1682.

1684.

The Planters Speech to his neighbours and countrymen of Pennsylvania, East and West Jersey ; and to all such as have transported themselves into new Colonies for the sake of a quiet retired life. To which is added the complaints of our supra-interior inhabitants. London. 12mo., pp. 73. *In Rich's Catalogue,* 1832. *The Title and Introduction are printed in Proud's Pennsylvania, I. p.* 226.

1685.

The Model of the Government of the Province of East New Jersey, in America ; and Encouragements for such as Designs to be concerned there. Published for the information of such as are desirous to be interested in that place. Edinburgh. Printed by John Reid, Anno Dom., 1685. 12mo. *Reprinted by the New Jersey Historical Society in* 1846, *as an Appendix to "East Jersey under the Proprietary Governments."*

1698.

An Historical and Geographical Account of the Province and County of Pennsylvania, and of West New Jersey, in America. The

Richness of the Soil, the Sweetness of the Situation, &c., with a Map of both Countries, &c. By Gabriel Thomas, who resided there about fifteen years. London. 12mo. pp. 34. *A fac-simile reprint was issued in New York in* 1848.

The Case put and Decided by George Fox, George Whitehead, Stephen Crisp and other, the most antient and eminent Quakers, between Edward Billing on the one part, and some West Jersians, headed by Samuel Jennings on the other part. In an Award relating to the Government of their Province, wherein because not moulded to the Pallate of the said Samuel, the Light, the Truth, the Justice and Infallibility of these great friends, are arraigned by him and his accomplices. Also several Remarks and animadversions on the same award, &c. (Anonymous.) Small 4to. pp. 16. *New Jersey Hist. Soc. Library.*

1706.

George Keith's Journal of Travels in America from New Hampshire to Carituck. Small 4to. London, 1706.

1730.

An Historical Account of the Incorporated Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, containing their Foundation, Proceedings, and the Success of their Missionaries in the British Colonies, to the year 1728. By David Humphreys, D. D., Secretary to the Society. London, 1730. 8vo. pp. 356. *Republished by Stanford and Swords, New York,* 1853.

1737.

A Defence of a Sermon preached at Newark, June 2, 1736. (The sermon was against the doctrine and worship of the Church of England.) *The only copy known is imperfect. It is in the New Jersey Historical Society Library.* 24*mo., pp.* 110.

1740.

Memoirs and Considerations concerning the Trade and Revenues of the British Colonies in America. By John Ashley. London, 1740.

1742.

A Vindication of the late New Jersey Assembly. *In Philadelphia Library.*

1743.

Extracts from the Minutes and Votes of the Assembly of New Jersey, with notes and observations. *In Philadelphia Library.*

An answer to the Notes and Observations upon the Votes of the Assembly of New Jersey. *In Philadelphia Library.*

1744.

The Speech of Lewis Morris, Esq., Governor of New Jersey Philadelphia, 1744. *In Philadelphia Library.*

1746.

A Brief Vindication of the Purchassors Against the Proprietors in a Christian Manner. 48 pages 20mo. New York, 1746. *In English State Paper Office.*

1747.

A Bill in the Chancery of *New Jersey*, at the suit of *John*, Earl of *Stair*, and others, Proprietors of the Eastern Division of *New Jersey*, against *Benjamin Bond*, and some other Persons of *Elizabethtown*, distinguished by the name of the *Clinker Lot Right Men*, With Three large Maps done from Copper Plates. To which is added: The Publications of The Council of Proprietors of *East New Jersey*, and Mr. NEVILL's Speeches to the General Assembly, concerning the Riots committed in New Jersey, and the Pretences of the Rioters and their seducers. *These Papers will give a better Light into the History and Constitution of New Jersey, than any thing hitherto published, the matters whereof have been chiefly collected from Records.* Published by Subscription. Printed by James Parker, New York, 1747. Folio pp. 124 and 39. *Drawn principally by James Alexander.*

An *Answer* to the Council of Proprietors' two Publications, set forth at *Perth Amboy* the 25th of March, 1746, and the 25th of March, 1747. As also some observations on Mr. *Nevill's* Speech to the House of Assembly, in relation to a Petition presented to the House of Assembly, met at *Trentown*, in the Province of *New Jersey* in May, 1746. New York. Printed and sold by the Widow Catharine Zenger, 1747. Folio pp. 13. *Very rare—only two copies known.*

1752.

A Letter from a Gentleman of New Brunswick to his friend in Elizabethtown; on the first Point in Controversy between the Proprietors and Elizabethtown. 1752. Folio pp. 4. *Very rare; only one copy known.*

An Answer to a Bill in the Chancery of *New Jersey*, at the suit of *John*, Earl of *Stair*, and others, *commonly called* Proprietors of the Eastern Division of *New Jersey*, against *Benjamin Bond*, and others claiming under the original Proprietors and associates of *Elizabethtown*. To which is added: Nothing either of The Publications of the Council of Proprietors of *East New Jersey*, or of The Pretences of the Rioters, and their Seducers; except so far as the Persons meant by Rioters, pretend Title against the Parties to the above Answer: but a great deal of the Controversy, though much less of the History and Constitution of New Jersey, than the said Bill. Audi Alteram Partem. Published by subscription. New York. Printed by James Parker, 1752. Folio pp. 48. *Drawn by William Livingston and Wm. Smith, Jr., of Counsel for the Defendants.*

1753.

A Letter to the Independent Reflector, by David Marin Ben Jesse, Pastor at Aquenonka (David Marinus, Pastor at Acquackanonck). New York. Printed and sold by Hugh Gaine. Small 4to., pp. 31. (Reviewing the Religious tendencies of certain articles in the Paper.) *In N. J. Hist. Soc. Library.*

1755.

A Remark on the Disputes and Contentions in this Province, (New York) by David Marin Ben Jesse, Pastor at Aquenonka, (David Marinus, Pastor at Acquackanonck). New York. Hugh Gaine, 1755. (In opposition to King's College, New York, and advocating a separate College for the youth of the Dutch Church, rather than patronize that of the "Jersey College.") *In N. J. Hist. Soc. Library.*

1756.

Life and Travels of Samuel Bownas through Connecticut, Rhode Island, Long Island, New Jersey, and an Account of his Apprehension and Trial at Hempstead, L. I. 8vo. London, 1756. (Was in East Jersey in 1702.)

1757.

Funeral Sermon at the Interment of Governor Belcher, who died at Elizabethtown, N. J., Aug. 31, 1757. By Aaron Burr.

A Memorial of the Proprietors of the patent of Minisink and Wawayanda, bordering on the Crown lands of New York, respecting the Controversy between New York and New Jersey. New York, 1757. *In Philadelphia Library.*

1758.

An Account of Two Missionary Voyages. By the appointment of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts. The one to New Jersey, in North America; the other from America to the Coast of Guiney. By Thomas Thompson, A. M., Vicar of Reculver, in Kent. London, 1758. 8vo., pp. 87.

1759.

A Pocket Commentary of the first settling of New Jersey by the Europeans; and an account or fair detail of the original Indian E. J. Grants, and other rights of the like tenor in East New Jersey. Digested in order. New York. Printed by Samuel Parker, 1759. 8vo. *In Philadelphia Library.*

Beskrifning om de Swenska forsamlingars Forna och narwarende tilstand uti nya Sverige sedan nye Nederland. Isaac Acrelius, Stockholm, 4to., 1759. *A Translation entitled New Sweden, or the Swedish Settlements on the Delaware. By Isaac Collins, of Philadelphia. In New York Hist. Soc. Collections, Vol. V. pp.* 401–448.

1760.

The Bill of Complaint in the Chancery of *New Jersey*, brought by *Thomas Clarke* and others against *James Alexander*, Esq., and others, commonly called The Proprietors of *East New Jersey*, wherein the Title of the People of *Elizabeth Town* to the controverted Lands is fully exhibited, and the Objections of the pretended Proprietors stated and refuted. Now published from the original, filed in the Court of Chancery, in 1754, to satisfy many who are anxious to know the Foundation of a private Debate of the greatest importance in America. Printed by Wm. Weyman, in New York, 1760. Folio, pp. 18.

A Summary, Historical and Political, of the First Planting, Progressive Improvements, and present state of the British Settlements in North America. By William Douglass. London, 1760. 2 vols., 8vo.

1763.

An Address to the Freeholders of New Jersey, on the subject of public salaries. Philadelphia, 1763. *In Philad'a Library.*

1765.

A Concise Account of North America, containing a description of the British Colonies, their situation, extent, climate, soil, &c., &c., with accounts of the Indians. By Robert Rogers. 8vo. London, 1765.

The History of the Colony of Nova-Cæsaria, or New Jersey; containing an account of its First Settlement, progressive improvements, the original and present Constitution, and other events, to the year 1721, with some particulars since; and a short view of its present state. By Samuel Smith. Burlington, in New Jersey. Printed and sold by James Parker. Sold also by David Hall, in Philadelphia. M.DCC.LXV. 8vo.

1768.

The Journal of a Two months' Tour, with a view of Promoting Religion among the Frontier Inhabitants of Pennsylvania, &c. To which are added remarks on the Language and Customs of some particular Tribes. By Chas. Beatty, A. M. London, 8vo., pp. 110.

1769.

Liberty and Property without oppression (Pamphlet referring to the Monmouth Co. Riots.) *The only copy known is in the Historical Society Library. Imperfect.*

1770.

The Plea and Answer of the Right Honorable William, Earl of Stirling, and others, Proprietors of East New Jersey, to John Hunt's Bill in Chancery. New York. Printed by John Holt. Folio, pp. 44.

A General History of the British Empire in America, &c. By Mr. Wynne. London, 1770. 8vo., 2 vols.

1772.

Travels into North America, containing its Natural History, and a Circumstantial Account of its plantations and agriculture in general, &c., &c. By Peter Kalm, Professor of Œconomy in the University of Aobo, in Swedish Finland, and member of the Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences. Translated into English by John Reinhold Forster, F. A. S. (2d edition.) London, 1772. 2 vols., 8vo.

1774.

A Journal of the Life, Travels, Sufferings and Labour of Love in the Work of the Ministry of that Worthy Elder and faithful Servant of Jesus Christ, William Edmundson, who departed this life the thirty-first of the sixth month, 1712. Second edition. London, 1774. 8vo., pp. 404.

1775.

Travels through the Middle Settlements of North America in 1759–60, with observations on the state of the Colonies. By Rev. A. Burnaby. 4to. and 8vo. London, 1775.

A short state of the Proceedings of the Proprietors of East and West Jersey; relative to the Line of Division between them; by which the Injustice of the pretended claim of West Jersey to Lands Eastward and adjoining the Line of Division, as run by John Lawrence, will appear. New York. Printed by Jas. Rivington. M.DCC.LXXV. 8 vo., pp. 23.

1777.

Topographical Description of such parts of North America as are contained in the Annexed Map of the Middle British Colonies in North America. By T. Pownall, M. P., late Governor of Massachusetts Bay, &c. Large Paper. Folio. London, 1777.

A copy of this was sold at auction March 4th, 1854, by Bangs Brothers & Co., in New York, containing manuscript additions, considerably enlarging the original work, prepared for a new edition in 1779, which does not appear to have been published. A portion of the new matter contains extracts from Gov. Pownall's Journal, kept by him while travelling through New Jersey and Pennsylvania. It is thought this volume is now in the possession of Mr. Platt in New York.

1778.

Proceedings of a General Court Martial held at Brunswick, in the State of New Jersey, by order of His Excellency General Washington, Commander-in-Chief of the Army of the United States of America, for the Trial of MAJOR GENERAL LEE. July 4th, 1778. Major General Lord Stirling, President. Philadelphia. John Dunlap, 1778. Folio. pp. 62.

1779.

Letters to a Nobleman on conduct of the War in the Middle Colonies. London, 1779. 12mo., pp. 87.

1780.

The History of the Civil War in America. By an Officer of the

Army. (Captain Hall, of the 46th Regiment.) Vol. I., comprehending the campaigns of 1775, 1776 and 1777. (No more published.) London, 1780.

Political Annals of the Present United Colonies from their Settlement to the Peace of 1763, compiled chiefly from Records, and authorized often by the insertion of State Papers. By George Chalmers. London. 4to., pp. 695. (An octavo Edition with additional matter published in Boston, 1845, with title "Introduction to the History of the Revolt of the American Colonies.")

1775---1781.

The Remembrancer, or Impartial Repository of Public Events. London. Printed for J. Almon.

1787.

Simcoe's Military Journal. A History of the operations of a Partisan Corps called the Queen's Rangers, commanded by Lieut. Col. J. G. Simcoe, during the War of the American Revolution. Privately printed. London, 1787. *Published New York*, 1844. 8*vo.*, *pp.* 328.

Travels in North America in the years 1780, 1781 and 1782. By the Marquis de Chastellux, one of the forty members of the French Academy, and Major General in the French Army, serving under the Count de Rochambeau. 2 vols. 8vo. London, 1787.

1791.

New Travels in the United States of America, performed in 1788. By J. T. Brissot de Warville. Paris, 1791. 2d edition. London, 1794. 2 vols., 8vo. *Translation*, *Boston*, 1797, 12*mo.*, *pp.* 260. (The French edition consists of 3 volumes, of which the 3d is on the Commerce of America; not included in this translation.)

1792.

Eumenes: Being a Collection of Papers to show the Errors and Omissions of the Constitution of New Jersey, established July 2d, 1776, and the necessity of calling a Convention for Revision and Amendment. Trenton. 8vo., 1792. *In New York State Library.*

Materials Towards a History of the Baptists in Jersey, distinguished into First-day Baptists, Seventh-day Baptists, Tuncker Baptists, Rogerine Baptists. By Morgan Edwards, A. M., and Quondam Fellow of R. I. College. Philadelphia. Printed by Thomas Dobson, at the Stone House, in Second street. 1792. 12mo., pp. 156.

1796.

The Journal of an Excursion to the United States of North America, in the summer of 1794. By Henry Wansey, F. A. S. A Wiltshire Clothier. Salisbury, 1796, 8vo., pp. 304. (A "Sec-

ond Edition with Additions,"—but leaving off considerable matter appended to the first, relating to Dr. Priestley's visit to America—was issued in 12mo. form in 1798.)

1797.

The History of Pennsylvania in North America, from the Original Institution and Settlement of that Province, &c., in 1681, till after the year 1742; with an Introduction respecting the Life of Wm. Penn, prior to the grant of the Province, and the religious Society of the People called Quakers; with the first rise of the neighboring Colonies, more particularly of *West New Jersey*, and the Settlement of the Dutch and Swedes in Delaware. To which is added a brief description of the said Province and of the general state in which it flourished, principally between the years 1760 and 1770, &c., &c. Written principally between the years 1776 and 1780. By Robert Proud. Philadelphia, 1797. 2 vols. 8vo.

1797.

Travels of Duke de Rochefaucault Liancourt in the United States in 1795–6–7. London, 1799. 4to. and 8vo.

1806.

Bill of Mortality, being a Register of all the Deaths in the Presbyterian and Baptist Congregations of Morristown, New Jersey, for Thirty-eight years past. By Rev. Doctor Johnes and William Cherry, Morristown, 1806. 8vo., pp. 112.

1807.

A Century Sermon preached in Newark, New Jersey, January 1st, 1801; containing A Brief History of the Presbyterian Church in that Town. By Alexander Macwhorter, D. D. Newark. 8vo., pp. 24. 1807.

1810.

A Concise Description of Schooley's Mountain in New Jersey. By Samuel L. Mitchell, LL. D. New York, 1810. 8vo.

1812.

Alden's New Jersey Register and United States Calendar for the year of our Lord 1812. Newark. Printed by William Tuttle. 24mo., pp. 124. (Intended to be an annual Publication, but was discontinued. It contains a very full record of officers of the State and of the different counties—public institutions, &c.)

1814.

Collection of American Epitaphs and Inscriptions. By Timothy Alden. 5 vols., 24mo. New York, 1814.

1820.

An Abridgment of the General History of the Baptist Denomination in America and other parts of the World. By David Benedict, A. M. Boston, 1820. 12mo., pp. 448. (Abridgment of the first Edition. See 1848.)

1822.

Memoirs of the Rev. David Brainerd, Missionary to the Indians on the Borders of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, chiefly taken from his own Diary. By Rev. Jonathan Edwards, of Northampton. Including his Journal, now for the first time incorporated with the rest of his Diary, in a regular Chronological series. By Sereno Edwards Dwight. New Haven, 1822. 8vo., pp. 507.

1823.

Printed Case. "The Pompton Church at Pompton, in Bergen County, &c.," *vs.* "The Reformed Dutch Church of Pompton Plains, &c." New Jersey Court of Appeals, 1823?

1824.

History of the State of New York, including its Aboriginal and Colonial Annals. By John V. N. Yates and Joseph W. Moulton. New York, 1824. 8vo., pp. 428. Only one vol. published.

1826.

The Wonderful History of the Morristown Ghost, Thoroughly and carefully Revised. By David Young. Newark, 1826. 48mo., pp. 76. (The original narrative was anonymously printed about 1789.)

1827.

Sketches of the Primitive Settlements on the River Delaware. A Discourse delivered before the Society for the Commemoration of the Landing of William Penn. By James N. Barker. Philadelphia, 1827. 8vo.

A Military Journal during the Revolutionary War, from 1775 to 1783: describing interesting events and transactions of that Period; with numerous Historical Facts and Anecdotes. To which is added an Appendix, containing Biographical Sketches of several General Officers. By James Thatcher, M. D., late Surgeon in the American Army. Second Edition, revised and corrected. Boston, 1827. 8vo., pp. 487.

1828.

The History of the Sufferings of the Church of Scotland, from the Restoration to the Revolution. By the Rev. Robert Wodrow, Minister of the Gospel at Eastwood—with an original Memoir of the Author, &c. By Rev. Robert Burns, D. D., F. A. S. 4 vols., 8vo. Glasgow. (Best Edition—the original work published in 1720–1722.)

Report on the Origin and Increase of the Paterson Manufactories, and the Intended diversion of their Waters by the Morris Canal Company. Also on Post Rail Roads, as the means of cheap conveyance throughout New Jersey, of bringing Susquehanna Coal to the Iron Mines and Forges, and to supply Paterson and New York; also, a method of supplying the City of New York with wa-

ter from the great Falls of the Passaic. By John L. Sullivan, Civil Engineer. Paterson, 1828. 8vo., pp. 62.

1829.

The History of the late Province of New York, from its discovery to the appointment of Governor Colden in 1762. By the Hon. William Smith, formerly of New York, and late Chief Justice of Lower Canada. 2 vols., 8vo. New York, 1829. (The original edition was published in 1757, and brought down the history only to 1736. This edition published under the auspices of the New York Historical Society.)

1830.

Historical Notices of Saint Peter's Church in the City of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, contained in Two Discourses delivered in the said Church, June 19th and 26th, 1825, shortly after the erection of a marble tablet in the east wall of the church, in memory of the first benefactors of the same; with some additions by James Chapman, Rector. Elizabethtown, 1830. 8vo., pp. 28.

1833.

A Memoir of the Life of William Livingston, Member of Congress in 1774, 1775, and 1776; Delegate to the Federal Convention in 1787, and Governor of the State of New Jersey from 1776 to 1790. With Extracts from his Correspondence and Notices of various members of his family. By Theodore Sedgwick, Jun. New York, 1833. Silhouette portrait.

1834.

A Full Report of the case of Stacy Decow and Joseph Hendrickson *vs.* Thomas L. Shotwell. Decided at a special Term of the New Jersey Court of Appeal, July and August, 1833, embracing the decision of the Court of Chancery, the arguments of the Counsel on each side, and the Final decision of the Court of Appeals. Philadelphia, 1834. 8vo. pp. 724. (Relating to the Decision among the Society of Friends between the "Orthodox" and "Hicksite" parties. The argument of Samuel L. Southard in this case, was also published in 1833. 1 Vol. 8vo. pp. 279.)

A Short Description of the Province of New Sweden. By Thomas Campanius (Stockholm, 1702. 4to.) Translated from the Swedish for the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, with notes. By Peter Duponceau. Philadelphia, 1834. 8vo. And Penn. Hist. Soc. Collections, Vol. III. part 1.

The History of New Jersey, from its Discovery by Europeans, to the adoption of the Federal Constitution. By Thomas F. Gordon. Trenton. Published by Daniel Fenton, 1834. 8vo.

A Gazetteer of the State of New Jersey, comprehending a General view of its physical and moral condition, together with a Topographical and Statistical Account of its Counties, Towns, Villages,

Canals, Rail Roads, &c., accompanied by a Map. By Thomas F Gordon. Trenton. Published by Daniel Fenton, 1834. 8vo. (This and the foregoing bound together.)

1835.

Annals of the Swedes on the Delaware, to which is added the charter of the United Swedish Churches. By Rev. John Curtis Clay. Philadelphia, 1835. 12mo. pp. 180.

Extracts from the Journal of Proceedings of the Provincial Congress of New Jersey, held at Trenton in the months of May, June, and August, 1775. Burlington. Printed and sold by Isaac Collins. M.DCC.LXXV.

An ordinance for regulating the Militia of New Jersey, passed at a sitting of the Provincial Congress, held at Trenton in the month of October, 1775, to which is annexed the Continental Articles of War. Burlington. Printed and sold by Isaac Collins. M.DCC.LXXVI.

Journal of the Votes and Proceedings, as well of the Committee of Safety, at a sitting in January, 1776, as the Provincial Congress of New Jersey, at a sitting at New Brunswick, began January 31, and continued to the second day of March following. New York. John Anderson, Printer. MDCCLXXVI.

Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the Provincial Congress of New Jersey, held at Trenton in the month of Oct., 1775. Burlington. Printed and sold by Issac Collins. M.DCC.LXXVI.

(The above four pamphlets were reprinted by order of the Legislature in 1835.)

1836.

The History of the United States of North America from the Plantation of the British Colonies, till their revolt and declaration of independence. By James Grahame, Esqr. 11 Vols. 8vo. Smith, Elder & Co. London, 1836. (The first two volumes of this work were published in 1827, but were revised and corrected by the author when the complete work was issued. An American Edition in 2 vols., 8vo., was published in Philadelphia in 1846.)

1837.

History of the New Netherlands, Province of New York, and State of New York, to the adoption of the Federal Constitution. By William Dunlap. 2 vols. 8vo. New York, 1839.

1838.

Speech of Amzi Armstrong, of Essex County, in Privy Council, October 31, 1838, on the powers and Duty of the Governor and Privy Council in Canvassing the Votes for Representative in Congress. 8vo. 1838.

1839.

An Historical Account of the First Settlement at Salem, in

West Jersey. By John Fenwick, Esqr., Chief Proprietor of the same: With many of the important events that have occurred, down to the present generation, embracing a period of one hundred and fifty years. By R. G. Johnson. Philadelphia, 1839. 24mo. pp. 173.

1840.

Description of the Geology of the State of New Jersey, being a Final Report by Henry D. Rogers, State Geologist. Philadelphia, 1840. 8vo. pp. 301. Maps.

A Sermon containing a General History of the Parish of Westfield, N. J., preached January 1, 1839, in the Presbyterian Church of that place. By James Huntting, Pastor. Elizabethtown, 1840. 8vo. pp. 31.

1841.

History and Antiquities of New England, New York and New Jersey. Worcester, 1841. 8vo. Engravings, pp. 576.

1843.

Historical Notes of the American Colonies and Revolution from 1754 to 1775. By William Griffith, of New Jersey. Published by his Executors. Burlington, 1843. 8vo. pp. 300. (Published as left by the author, by whom they were intended as an Introduction to his "Law Register.")

The Colonization and subsequent History of New Jersey, a Discourse pronounced before the Young Men's Association of New Brunswick, December 1, 1842. By William Beach Lawrence. Somerville, N. J., 1843. 8vo. pp. 31.

1844.

Notes, Historical and Biographical, concerning Elizabethtown, its eminent men, Churches and Ministers. By Nicholas Murray, D. D. Elizabethtown, 1844. 12mo. pp. 166.

A sketch of the Life and Public Services of Theodore Frelinghuysen. By Cortlandt Parker. New York. 8vo. p. 12.

An Historical Sermon, designed as a Memorial to the inhabitants of Wantage, Sussex County, New Jersey, containing an account of the first emigrants, their Pedigree, Dangers, Deliverances, &c. Preached January 7, 1844, in the Second Presbyterian Church, Wantage, by the Rev. Peter Kanouse, A. M. New York, 1844. 24mo. pp. 66.

Some account of the Conduct of the Religious Society of Friends towards the Indian Tribes in the settlement of the Colonies of East and West Jersey and Pennsylvania, with a brief narrative of their labours for the civilization and Christian Instruction of the Indians from the time of their settlement in America to the year 1843. Published by the Aborigines' Committee of the Meeting for Sufferings. London, 1844. 8vo. pp. 247.

Historical Collections of the State of New Jersey, containing a General Collection of the most interesting facts, traditions, Biographical sketches, anecdotes, &c., relating to its History and antiquities, with Geographical descriptions of every Township in the State, illustrated by 120 Engravings. By John W. Barber and Henry Howe. New York. Published for the authors by S. Tuttle, 1844. (Second Edition in 1852. 8vo.)

1845.

Reminiscences of Old Gloucester; or Incidents in the History of the Counties of Gloucester, Atlantic, and Camden, New Jersey. By Isaac Mickle, Attorney at Law. Philadelphia, 1845. 8vo. pp. 98.

Historical Notices of the Missions of the Church of England, in the North American Colonies, previous to the Independence of the United States. By Rev. Ernest Hawkins, B. D. 8vo., London, 1845.

1846.

An Address delivered in the First Presbyterian Church in Elizabethtown, N. J., November 24th, 1845, on the dedication of a Monument erected to the memory of the Rev. James Caldwell, formerly Pastor of the said Church, who fell by the hands of an assassin November 24th, 1781. By Samuel Miller, D. D. With the Inauguration ceremonies. Elizabethtown, 1846. 8vo. pp. 24.

East Jersey under the Proprietary Governments, a narrative of events connected with the settlement and progress of the Province, until the surrender of the government to the crown in 1702. Drawn principally from original sources. By William A. Whitehead. With an appendix containing "The Model of the Government of East New Jersey, in America." By George Scot, of Pitlochie. Now first reprinted from the original edition of 1685. New York. Published by the New Jersey Historical Society, 1846. 8vo. *Forming Vol. I. of the Society's "Collections."*

The Goodly Heritage of Jerseymen. The first Annual Address before the New Jersey Historical Society at their meeting in Trenton, January 15, 1846. By Rt. Rev. George W. Doane, D. D., LL. D., Bishop of New Jersey. Burlington, 1846. 8vo. pp. 32.

A History of the original Settlements on the Delaware, from its discovery by Hudson to the colonization under William Penn. To which is added an account of the ecclesiastical affairs of the Swedish Settlers, and a history of Wilmington, from its first settlement to the present time; Illustrated by drawings. By Benjamin Ferris. Wilmington: Wilson & Heald, 1846. 8vo.

The Days of Old: a Centennial Discourse, delivered in Trinity Church, Newark, N. J., February 22, 1846. By Matthew H. Henderson, M. A., Rector. Published by Request. New York, 1846. 8vo.

1847.

Gleanings for the History of the Protestant Reformed Dutch

Church of Harlingen, Somerset County, New Jersey. By Christopher C. Hoagland. Somerville, 1847. 8vo. pp. 15.

The American Loyalists or Biographical Sketches of adherents to the British Crown in the War of the Revolution. By Lorenzo Sabine. Boston, 1847. 8vo. pp. 733.

A Centennial Discourse containing a History of the Scotch Plains Baptist Church, New Jersey, during the First Century of its Ecclesiastical Existence. By William E. Locke, the Pastor. Preached August 8th, 1847. New York, 1847. 8vo. pp. 36.

The Life of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, Major General in the Army of the United States during the Revolution, with selections from his correspondence. By his Grandson, William Alexander Duer, LL. D. New York, 1847. 8vo. pp. 272. *Forming volume II. of the "Collections" of the N. J. Hist. Society.*

A Brief History of the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church at Princeton, New Jersey. By Samuel Miller, D. D. Presented and read to the N. J. Hist. Society in 1847. (Partly Manuscript.)

1848.

History of New Netherland; or New York under the Dutch. By E. B. O'Callaghan, M. D. 2 Vols. 8vo. New York, 1848.

A General History of the Baptist Denomination in America and other parts of the world. By David Benedict. New York, 1848. Large 8vo. pp. 970.

Civil and Political History of New Jersey. By Isaac S. Mulford, M. D. Camden, 1848. 8vo. pp. 500.

Selections from the Correspondence of the Executive of New Jersey from 1776 to 1786. Published by order of the Legislature. Newark, N. J., 1848. 8vo.

1849.

The Provincial Courts of New Jersey, with Sketches of the Bench and Bar. By Richard S. Field. New York, 1849. 8vo. pp. 311. *Forming Volume III. of the "Collections" of the N. J. Hist. Society.*

1850.

A Record of Christ Church, New Brunswick. By the Rev. Alfred Stubbs, Rector of the Parish. New York, 1850. 8vo. pp. 32.

An Historical Account of the First Presbyterian Church of Princeton, N. J., being a Sermon preached on Thanksgiving Day, December 12, 1850. By William Edward Schenck, Pastor of that Church. Princeton, 1850. 8vo. pp. 78.

1851.

A Semi-Centennial Sermon preached June 22 and 29, 1851, upon the History of the First Baptist Church in Newark, N. J., for the first half Century of its Ecclesiastical Existence. By the Pastor, Henry C. Fish. New York, 1851. 24mo. pp. 108.

The Papers of Lewis Morris, Governor of the Province of New Jersey, from 1738 to 1746. Published by the New Jersey Historical Society. (Edited by Wm. A. Whitehead.) New York. George P. Putnam, 1852. *Forming Vol. IV. of the Society's "Collections."* 8vo.

1853.

History of the State of New York. By John Romeyn Brodhead. First Period, 1609–1664. New York, 1853. 8vo. pp. 801.

Historical Discourses relating to the First Presbyterian Church in Newark; originally delivered to the Congregation of that Church during the month of January, 1851. By Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., Pastor of the Church, with notes and illustrations. Newark, 1853. 8vo.

Address before the Surviving Members of the Constitutional Convention of the State of New Jersey. Delivered February 1, 1853, on the occasion of their first annual meeting. By Richard S. Field. Princeton, 1853. 8vo. pp. 42.

The German Petition to the Common Council of the City of Newark, demanding the virtual repeal of those laws which forbid Sabbath tippling and Sabbath desecration; with the Reply of the Common Council, and an Introduction. Newark, 1853. 8vo. pp. 12.

The first Sussex Centenary, containing the Addresses of Benj. B. Edsall, Esq., and Rev. J. F. Tuttle, with notes, appendix, &c. Newark, 1853. 8vo. pp. 102.

1855.

A History of the Presbyterian Church, Madison, N. J., a discourse delivered on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 23, 1854. By Rev. Samuel L. Tuttle, Pastor of the Church. New York. 12mo. pp. 119.

First Annual Report of the Geological Survey of the State of New Jersey for the year 1854. By Wm. Kitchell, State Geologist. New Brunswick, 1855. 8vo. pp. 100. Plate.

Proceedings in New Jersey in the year 1672: A series of articles in the Newark Daily Advertiser, (published Jan. 9th, 22d; Feb. 5th, 10th; March 19th; April 4th; May 29th, 30th; June 12th, 13th, 20th, 30th; July 9th, 12th, 16th.) By William A. Whitehead and Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D.

1856.

The History of the Church of England in the Colonies and Foreign Dependencies of the British Empire. By Rev. James S. M. Anderson, M. A. London, 1856. 4 Vols. 12mo.

1857.

Contributions to the Early History of Perth Amboy and adjoining country, with Sketches of Men and Events in New Jersey during the Provincial Era. By William A. Whitehead. New York. D. Appleton & Co., 1856. 8vo. pp. 428 + viii.

Second Annual Report on the Geological Survey of the State of New Jersey for the year 1855. By Wm. Kitchell, State Geologist. Trenton, 1856. 8vo. pp. 248. Plates.

The History of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, New Jersey, from the year 1703 to the present time, compiled from original documents, the manuscript records and letters of the Missionaries of the Society for propagating the Gospel in Foreign parts, and from other sources. By Samuel A. Clark, Rector of St. John's Church. Philadelphia and New York, 1857. 12mo. pp. 203.

Annals of the Classis of Bergen, of the Reformed Dutch Church, and of the Churches under its care; including the Civil History of the ancient Township of Bergen. By Benjamin C. Taylor, D. D. New York: pp. 479. 12mo.

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"East Jersey under the Proprietary Governments: a Narrative of Events connected with the Settlement and progress of the Province, until the surrender of the Government to the Crown in 1702. Drawn principally from original sources: by WILLIAM A. WHITEHEAD. With an Appendix, containing the model of the Government of East New Jersey in America, by George Scott, of Pitlochie, now first reprinted from the original edition of 1685," pp. 353.

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"The Papers of Lewis Morris, Governor of the Province of New Jersey, from 1738 to 1746," pp. 336 + xxx. Edited by WM. A. WHITEHEAD.

COLLECTIONS VOL. V. Containing:—

"An Analytical Index to the Colonial Documents of New Jersey in the State Paper Offices of England. Compiled by HENRY STEVENS. Edited with Notes and References to printed works and Manuscripts in other depositories, by WILLIAM A. WHITEHEAD. New York: D. Appleton & Co. 1858.

PROCEEDINGS VOL. I. Containing:—

Proceedings of Meetings at Trenton to organize the Society, in February, 1845.
Proceedings at Newark, May 7th, 1845.
Discourse by Charles King, Esq.
Proceedings at Trenton, Sept. 4th, 1845.
Journal of Capt. John Schuyler, on an Expedition to Canada in August, 1690.
Three Letters from Rev. Samuel Davies, President of Princeton College, 1759–60.
Address by Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D.
Proceedings at New Brunswick, Nov. 6th, 1845.
Three Letters from Governor Franklin to his Father, June and October, 1767, and May, 1769.
Letter from William Strahan, London, 1766.
Proceedings at Trenton, January 15th, 1846.
Letter from Lord Cornbury to the inhabitants of Bergen, 1706.
Proceedings at Burlington, May 7th, 1846.
Letter from William Dockwra, Proprietaries' Register, to Governor Andrew Hamilton, April 1st, 1693.
An account of a Journey in the Southern States in 1781, by Abel Thomas.
An account of the capture and death of the refugee John Bacon, by George F. Fort, M. D.
Extracts from a Paper on the Discovery and Settlement of Monmouth County, by Rev. A. A. Marcellus.
Proceedings at Salem, Sept. 3d, 1846.
Corrections of errors in Mr. King's Discourse.
Exports of Salem County.
Criminal Statistics of Essex County.
Proceedings of the Committees of Freehold and Shrewsbury, on the opening of the Revolution.
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Proceedings of Society at Elizabethtown, November 5th, 1846.
Proceedings of the Government of New York, December, 1675, to December, 1678, in relation to the settlement and jurisdiction of Major John Fenwick in West Jersey.
Journal of Lieut. William Barton, during Sullivan's Expedition against the Indians, in 1779.
Extracts from Journal of Doctor Ebenezer Elmer during the same Expedition.
Proceedings at Trenton, January 21st, 1847.
Second Annual Address, by Hon. Joseph C. Hornblower, LL.D., President of the Society.
Proceedings at Newark, May 27th, 1847.
Diary of Events in Charleston, S. C., from March 20th to April 20th, 1780, during the Siege by the British, by Samuel Baldwin.
Proceedings at New Brunswick, June 25th, 1847.
Journal of an Expedition to Canada in 1776, by Lieut. Ebenezer Elmer of the New Jersey Forces.
Proceedings at Freehold, Sept. 16th, 1847.
Letter from Richard Stockton to Robert Ogden, about public affairs, 1765.
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PROCEEDINGS VOL. III. Containing:—

Proceedings of the Society at Trenton, January 20th, 1848.
- Letter from James Logan to Colonel Cox, June, 1719, relative to the dividing line of East and West Jersey.
- Journal of Lieut. Ebenezer Elmer. (Continued from Vol. II.)

Proceedings at Newark, May 25th, 1848.
- Letter from David Ogden, February 20th, 1767, to the Claimants under Indian Purchases.
- Memoir of Rev. James Caldwell, by Rev. Nicholas Murray, D. D.
- Extract from a Diary of Mr. Jacob Spicer, 1757.
- A Brief Account of the Swedish Mission in Raccoon and Penn's Neck, by Rev. Nicholas Collin, D. D.

Proceedings at Princeton, September 27th, 1848.
- A Biographical Sketch of Gov. William Franklin, by Wm. A Whitehead.

Proceedings at Trenton, January 18th, 1849.
- Letter from Governor Franklin to his Father, Dec. 24th, 1774.
- Journal of Maj. Wm. Gould during an Expedition into Pennsylvania, 1794.

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Proceedings of Meeting at Newark, May 17, 1849.
- Memoir of Governor Lewis Morris, by Rev. Robert Davidson, D. D.
- Census of Northampton, Burlington County, 1709.
- List of Judges, Clerks, Sheriffs, Surrogates and Attorneys of Salem County, from the settlement.
- Memoir of John Fenwick, Chief Proprietor of Salem Tenth, by Robert G. Johnson.
- Letters from Wm. Strahan to David Hall, describing the trial of John Wilkes.

Proceedings of Meeting at Freehold, September, 1849.
- State of Religion in the Provinces of East and West Jersey in 1700.
- The Battle of Monmouth Court House, by Charles King, Esq.
- Letters from Wm. Peartree Smith to Elias Boudinot.

Proceedings of Meeting at Trenton, January 17, 1850.
- Letter from Rev. Uzal Ogden, Missionary to Sussex County, July, 1772.
- Lease for a year from Dame Elizabeth Carteret, to the Twelve Proprietors, for East Jersey.
- The Aborigines of New Jersey, by Archer Gifford, Esq.

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Proceedings of Meeting at Newark, May 16th, 1850.
- Letter of Major-General Baron Steuben to Officers of the New Jersey Line. July 19th, 1783.
- Tables of the Sittings of the Provincial Assemblies, and names of members,
- Orders of Generals Schuyler and Sullivan to Col. Jonathan Dayton, 1776.

Proceedings of Meeting at Morristown, September 12th, 1850.
- The Robbery of the Treasury in 1768, by W. A. Whitehead.
- The Hollanders in New Jersey, by Rev. Abraham Messler, D. D.

Proceedings of Meeting at Trenton, Jan. 23d, 1851.
- The American Union, and the Perils to which it has been exposed, by J. P. Bradley, Esq.
- Letters of Joseph Sherwood, Provincial Agent.

Proceedings of Meeting at Newark, May 15th, 1851.
- Letter from Major F. Barber, 1776.
- Letter from Joseph Shippen, Jr., 1752.
- Selections from Correspondence of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling.

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- Letter from Robert Morris, 1781.
- Journal of Andrew Bell, Secretary of General Clinton, kept during the march of British army through New Jersey, in 1778.
- Inquiry into the location of Mount Ployden, by Rev. George C. Schanck.
- Review of the trial of the Rev. Wm. Tennent, in 1742, by Rich'd S. Field.
- Selections from Correspondence of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, in 1755.

Proceedings of Meeting at Trenton, January 15th, 1852.
- Selections from correspondence of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, in 1755.

Proceedings of Meeting at Newark, May 20th, 1852.
- The Uses and Benefits of Historical Societies, by Hon. Theodore Frelinghuysen, LL. D.
- Selections from correspondence of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling, in 1755.

Proceedings of Meeting at New Brunswick, September 8th, 1852.
- Description of site of Fort Nassau on the Delaware, by Edward Armstrong.
- The Pennsylvania Insurrection of 1794, by Rev. Jas. Carnahan, D. D.

Proceedings of Meeting at Trenton, January 20th, 1853.
- Report of Corresponding Secretary on the Belcher Papers.
- Report of Committee authorized to examine supposed site of Fort Nassau.
- The Discovery of the Northmen, by Charles C. Rafn, Secretary of the Society of Northern Antiquaries.
- The History and Location of Fort Nassau on the Delaware, by Edward Armstrong.

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- Letter of "Pierwim, ye Sachem of Pau," relative to "Cooks of Dozens," in Collections, Vol. I.
- Biographical Sketch of Gen. Wm. Winds, by Rev. Joseph F. Tuttle.
- Selections from the correspondence of William Alexander, Earl of Stirling.

Proceedings of Meeting at Trenton, January 19th, 1854.
- Proceedings on announcement of death of Hon. James G. King.
- "The Iron State, its Natural Position, Power and Wealth," an Address, by Hon. Jacob W. Miller.

Proceedings of Meeting at Newark, May 18th, 1854.
- Diary of John Clark, attached to the Continental Army from May, 1778, to November, 1779.

Proceedings of Meeting at Trenton, January 18th, 1855.
- Letter from Rev. Dr. Hopkins to Rev. Dr. Bellamy, July 20th, 1758.

Proceedings of Meeting at Newark, May 17th, 1855.

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TITLES OF THE SEVERAL EDITIONS OF THE LAWS OF NEW JERSEY, INCLUDING REVISIONS, COMPILATIONS, AND DIGESTS.

1723.

The Laws and Acts of the General Assembly of His Majesty's Province of Nova Cæsarea, or New Jersey, As they were Enacted by the Governour, Council, and General Assembly, for the Time being in divers Sessions, the first of which begun in November, 1703. Printed and Sold by William Bradford, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty for the Province of New Jersey, 1717. (So on the Title-page, but the volume contains Acts down to, and including 1722, with continuous paging.) Small folio, pp. 142.

1732.

The Acts of the General Assembly of the Province of New Jersey, From the Time of the surrender of the Government of the said Province, to the Fourth year of the Reign of King George the Second. Collected and Published by order of the said Assembly. Philadelphia. William and Andrew Bradford, 1732. Small folio, pp. 282. *Compiler not named, but known as Kinsey's Edition of the Laws.*

1752--1761.

The Acts of the General Assembly of New Jersey, From the time of the surrender of the Government in the second year of the Reign of Queen Anne to the year 1761, being the first of King George the Third. Collected and published by order of the General Assembly of the Province. By Samuel Nevill, Esqr., second Justice of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the said Province. Folio. Vol. I. 1752. Printed by Wm. Bradford. Vol. II. 1761. Printed at Woodbridge by James Parker.

1758.

The Grants, Concessions, and original Constitutions of the Province of New Jersey. The Acts passed during the Proprietary Governments, and other material Transactions before the surrender thereof to Queen Anne. The Instrument of surrender, and Her formal acceptance thereof. Lord Cornbury's commission and Instructions consequent thereon. Collected by some Gentlemen employed by the General Assembly, and afterwards published by Virtue of an Act of the Legislature of the said Province; with proper tables alphabetically digested, containing the principal matters in the

Book. By Aaron Leaming and Jacob Spicer. Philadelphia. Printed by W. Bradford, Printer to the King's Most Excellent Majesty for the Province of New Jersey. Large 8vo. pp. 763. (1758.)

1776.

Acts of the General Assembly of the Province of New Jersey, from the surrender of the Government to Queen Anne on the 17th day of April, in the year of our Lord, 1702, to the 14th day of January, 1776. To which is annexed The Ordinance for regulating and establishing the Fees of the Court of Chancery of the said Province. By Samuel Allinson. Burlington. Printed by Isaac Collins, 1776. Folio.

1784.

Acts of the Council and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey from the Establishment of the present government, and Declaration of Independence, to the end of the first Sitting of the Eighth Session on the 24th day of December, 1783; with the Constitution prefixed, &c. Compiled under the appointment of the Legislature. By Peter Wilson, A. M. Trenton. Isaac Collins, 1784. Folio, pp. 390, and 58 of Appendix and Index.

1800.

Laws of the State of New Jersey, Revised and Published under the authority of the Legislature. By William Paterson. New Brunswick. Printed by Abraham Blauvelt. Folio. Newark. Printed by Matthias Day. Large 8vo.

1811.

Laws of the State of New Jersey, compiled and published under the authority of the Legislature. By Joseph Bloomfield. Trenton. Printed by Jas. J. Wilson, 1811.

1821.

Laws of the State of New Jersey, Revised and Published under the Authority of the Legislature. Printed for the State, by Joseph Justice. Trenton, 1821. (Known as Pennington's Revised Laws.)

1833.

A Compilation of the Public Laws of the State of New Jersey, passed since the revision in the year 1820. Arranged and published under the authority of the Legislature. By Josiah Harrison. Camden. Printed by J. Harrison, 1833.

1838.

A Digest of the Laws of New Jersey; containing also the Constitutions of the United States and of this State, and the Rules and Decisions of the Courts. By Lucius Q. C. Elmer. Bridgeton, 1838. 8vo. pp. 728. Second Edition, with additions to 1855. Edited by John T. Nixon. Philadelphia, 1855.—(Now [1858] in general use.)

1843.

The Public Laws of New Jersey from Jan., 1834, to Feb., 1843, inclusive. Camden. Printed by J. Harrison, 1843.

1847.

Statutes of the State of New Jersey, Revised and Published under the authority of the Legislature. Trenton. Printed by Phillips and Boswell, 1847. (Known as Revised Statutes of P. D. Vroom, H. W. Green, and W. L. Dayton.)

1852.

An Index to the Statutes at Large of the State of New Jersey, and a Synopsis of the Constitution adopted June 29th, 1844. Alphabetically arranged by Archer Gifford, Counsellor at Law, Newark, N. J. Printed at the Newark Daily Advertiser Office, 1852.

***—This Index shows, in Chronological order, as near as may consist with an Alphabet arrangement, the Statutes at large—with reference to the English Statutes of the different reigns whence any have been taken; and giving, as briefly as possible, the contents of the most important Acts from 1776 to 1850. No complete copy could be found to carry it back to an earlier period.

A Digest of the Statutory and Constitutional Constructions delivered in the Supreme Court, and Court of Errors and Appeals of the State of New Jersey. Alphabetically arranged by Archer Gifford, Counsellor at Law, Newark, N. J. Printed at the Newark Daily Advertiser Office, 1852.

*** Prefixed to this work, is a Chronological List of N. J. Reports from Coxe's (1795) to Zabriskie's (1850). The object of the work being, to show what constructions our Courts have given at any term with respect to any Statute, or part of a Statute passed.

APPENDIX D.

List of Newspapers in New Jersey prior to 1800, with the date of their first Publication.

New Jersey Gazette,
January, 1778. Trenton. "Printed by Isaac Collins." Some years after, the place of publication changed to Burlington.

The Princeton Packet and General Advertiser,
June, 1786. Printed by James Tod.

The Brunswic Gazette,
Sept., 1786. "Brunswic. Printed by Abraham Blauvelt." Continued till October, 1792.

The Brunswick Gazette and Weekly Monitor,
September, 1786. Printed by Shelly Arnett. Notwithstanding the similarity in title to the foregoing, it appears to have been published for several years —probably until the interests of the two publishers were combined in the Guardian.

Wood's Newark Gazette and New Jersey Advertiser,
May, 1791. "Printed by John Wood, near the Episcopal Church." Thought to have been discontinued November, 1797.

New Jersey State Gazette,
September 12th, 1792. Trenton. By Matthias Day & Co.

The Guardian, or New Brunswick Advertiser,
October, 1792. Printed by Arnett and Blauvelt. The 41st number before me has the title printed *Guaridan*. Had it been so spelt from the first?

Jersey Chronicle,
May, 1795. Philip Freneau, printer, Mount Pleasant.

The Centinel of Freedom,
October 5th, 1796. Newark. By Daniel Dodge & Co. In September, 1823, the title was changed to the "Sentinel of Freedom," under which it still continues to be published, being the weekly issue of the Daily Advertiser.

Newark Gazette and New Jersey Advertiser,
November, 1797. "Printed by John H. Williams for the Proprietors," succeeding "Wood's Newark Gazette."

New Jersey Journal,
January 2, 1798. Elizabethtown. By Shepard Kollock.

Trenton Federalist,
March, 1799. By Sherman & Mershon.

APPENDIX E.

Notices of some of the Public Records, &c.

Mr. Samuel H. Congar, the Librarian of the Historical Society, reports the following Records to be in the office of the Clerk of the County of Essex:—

"Records of the Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas from April, 1709, to the present time—62 volumes.

"* * * In Books F. & H. is a record for Essex County, of certificates concerning killed and wounded soldiers, kept in pursuance of an "Act for the relief and support of married and disabled soldiers and seamen, and of the widows and children of such as fall in battle, &c.," passed June 10th, 1773.

"'A Book of Deeds—B, 1728'—apparently recorded in pursuance of an Act passed in 1713, which was disallowed in 1721; re-enacted in 1723, and again disallowed in 1731. Book A is probably lost.

"A regular Series of Volumes of Deeds and Conveyances (Book A having been missing since the destruction of the Court House by fire in 1835 or 6,) from Book B, 1793, to the present time—215 volumes.

"Books of Mortgages from 1765, in which year, June 20, the Act was passed relating to their registration, to the present time—85 volumes.

"A small Printed Book, in which are recorded the executions under which the Commissioners of Forfeited Estates sold the property of those who adhered to the royal cause in the Revolution.

"Records of Marriages from 1795 to the present time—but the law requiring their registration is not complied with as it should be.

"Four Road Books, A, C, D, E: the first two having been made or copied anew by order of the Freeholders and Justices some years ago—the first record of a road is in 1698.

"The Old Dockets of Justices are deposited with the Clerk. Manumitted Negroes or Slaves are noticed in some of the books, and also the Incorporation of Religious Societies.

"The Orphans' Court Books commence about 1794. The Wills a little later.

"There are old volumes of laws at the Court House, the property of the County, among rubbish, from which the printed book of Executions, above mentioned, was extracted. Large boxes of old papers are in the Hall, and there may be manuscripts of some interest undiscovered, and if not burned or sold for the benefit of the County, something may yet be found by an exploring party composed of volunteers, (the only troops good for much in this cause,) under the command of Captains Patience and Perseverance.

"The Freeholders and Justice's Book, from 1735 to 1789, was recently recovered. It should have been in the custody of the Clerk of the Board, but was found in General Thomas Ward's garret. The books of other Counties may be extant in other garrets. In 1713–14 these Boards were first organized, and another older book is probably forever lost."

The Newark Town Records from the settlement down to 1833, are in a tolerable state of preservation, and have recently been transcribed at the expense of the City, with a view to their publication in a subsequent volume of the Society's "Collections."

The Parish Papers of Trinity Church, Newark, contain several interesting documents referring to the establishment and progress of that Congregation from 1736. Many of these were not known to exist by the Rev. M. H. Henderson, when his Centennial discourse was prepared in 1846, having since been rescued from the rubbish of a garret.

Copies of the Manuscripts of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, relating to the Colonies, are in the possession of the Rev. F. L. Hawks, D. D., of New York. They are full of interesting materials for the illustration of the establishment and progress of the Church of England polity and services in New Jersey. See Clark's "Church in the Colonies"—"Contributions to East Jersey History," p. 209, &c.

The Dutch Records, translated by Vanderkemp, in the Office of the Secretary of State, at Albany, New York, contain, in some of the volumes, references to New Jersey, while under the domination of the Dutch, which have not appeared in print.

Woodbridge, Middlesex County.—The Town Book contains a large amount of varied information relative to the secular and theological history of the Town from 1668 to 1750, in tolerably regular order. From 1750 to 1799 the record is less complete. See "Contributions to the History of Perth Amboy and Surrounding Country." The Register of Births, Deaths and Marriages appears to be

quite complete for several years after the settlement, and there are entries, although few in number, comparatively, of later date down to 1781. Some portions of the volume are, or were when seen by the writer, in a very dilapidated state.

The records of the First Presbyterian Church in the Town extend back to an early period.

Piscataway, Middlesex County.—The Town Book contains a large amount of miscellaneous matter from 1675 to 1800. See "Contributions to the History of Perth Amboy and Surrounding Country." The Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths covers dates from 1676 to 1790. The Deaths do not appear to be recorded with much regularity after the first twenty years, and Marriages subsequently became less frequently entered.

Mr. Jonathan Hand, Clerk of Cape May County, thus reports in relation to the Records in his office:—

"The regular record of Deeds was commenced in 1785, but we have one old record of deeds commencing in 1694 and ending in 1726. Between the years 1726 and 1785 the deeds I suppose were recorded in the Secretary's Office for West Jersey, at Burlington, which records were subsequently removed to, and are now in the Office of the Secretary of State, Trenton. Our old record of Deeds above-mentioned (1694 to 1726) is called 'Liber A.'

"We have a few deeds recorded in another old book called 'Miscellany Book A.'"

(Mr. Hand very politely furnished the Editor with various extracts from this book, showing that it was a depository for Protests, Manumission Papers, Agreements, Deeds, &c., between 1559 and 1795.)

"Court and Miscellaneous Record.—Number 1, consisting of about two quires of foolscap unbound, contains Proceedings of Courts, Wills, Powers of Attorney, Ear-Marks, and in fact nearly or quite every thing which in those days were recorded; commencing January 10, 1692, and ending in 1698.

"Number 2 consists of about one quire of foolscap unbound, containing entries similar to those in Number 1, from 1698 to 1706.

"Number 3 consists of about one quire of letter paper, and contains the proceedings of Courts and Quarter Sessions, and Common Pleas, from 1720 to 1722.

"Number 4 consists of about one quire of foolscap, and contains proceedings from 1723 to 1735—the first Court, July 2, 1723, being held at the Presbyterian Meeting House.

"Number 5 is a book of about the same size, containing the proceedings from 1736 to 1739. The Courts were then held at 'the Baptist Meeting House.'

"Number 6 is an old unbound record of about three quires of foolscap, containing proceedings from 1740 to 1762.

"Number 7 is about the same size as No. 6, and contains proceedings from 1763 to 1773.

"From this time down the records refer only to suits in Court, and their proceedings begin to be recorded in a more correct and legal form."

The Editor regrets that, for reasons given in the Preface to this volume, similar information relative to the records of the other counties, has not been secured.

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